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二百年来の宿敵、フランスとオーストリアの同盟の鍵として、14歳のアントワネットはフランス王家に嫁いだ。マリー・ジョセフは、王太子妃を導き、シャルルは相対する国王龍姫デュ・バリー夫人を援ける。〝自由〟か〝秩序〟か、かつて「〝生まれ〟への反抗」を誓い合った兄妹が、宮廷の行末を懸けて決闘をすることに!! 世界の命運を懸けた〝挨拶戦争〟の決着は!? そして紅き革命は加速する…!!!

There is a god inside me.

No matter what sort of painful situation I get in, I never turn against that god. I believe in it, defend it, and enforce its will.

I obey the god I created.

That is the one rule I have in regards to my work.

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Born in Oosaka on July 19th 1972.

In 1990 his work "Kiss!!" was selected for Weekly Shounen Jump's 70th H☆S Award.

In 1991, he debuted with the same work.

He had the series "Niragi Kioumaru" and "Masuraou" seriazlied in Weekly Young Jump.

Starting in 2007, his work "Kokou no Hito" won the Excellence Prize in the 14th Japan Cultural Media Awards.

In 2013, this work was selected as a recommended work by the 17th Japan Cultural Media Awards committee.

In 2014, this work was nominated for the Tezuka Osamu Cultural Prize (sponsored by Asahi Shimbun) Reader's Award.

In 2015, this work won 7th place for the 'Manga Taishou Award 2015'.

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Ideal for the Future

Idéal de l'avenir.

Inspired by the 'freedom'-seeking
Marie-Josephe, the crowned princess
Antoinette started to act without
inhibition in the palace. She repeatedly
refused to greet the favorite mistress of
the king, Madame Du Barry, which
developed into a war before too long...!!
But then, the older brother, Charles,
whom holds 'order' in the highest
esteem, wagered the fate of the royal
court by challenging his little sister
Marie to a duel...!! What
"distant ideal" will these two Sanson
siblings reach—?!

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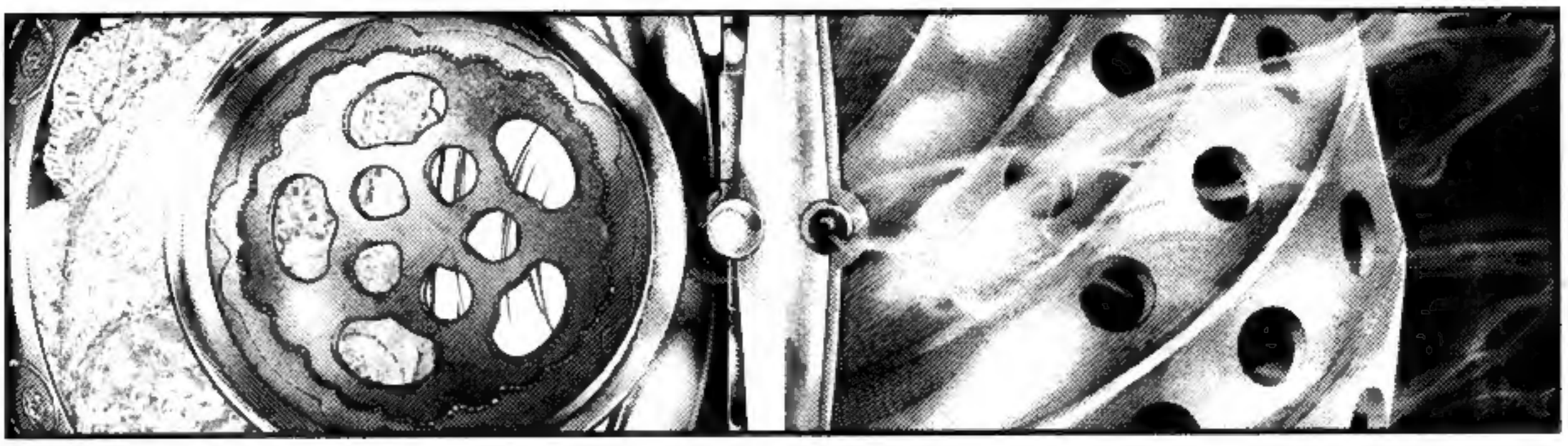
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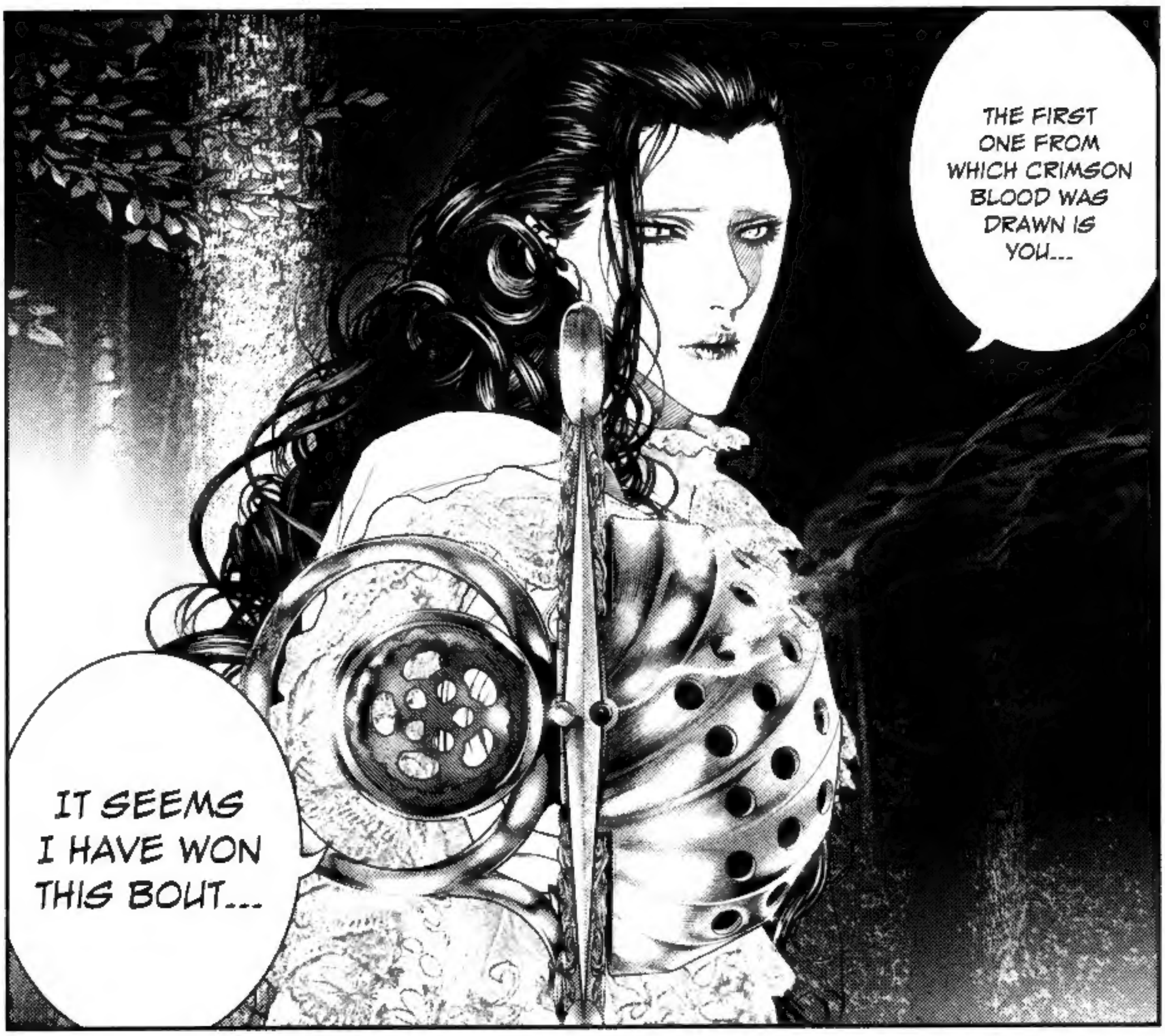


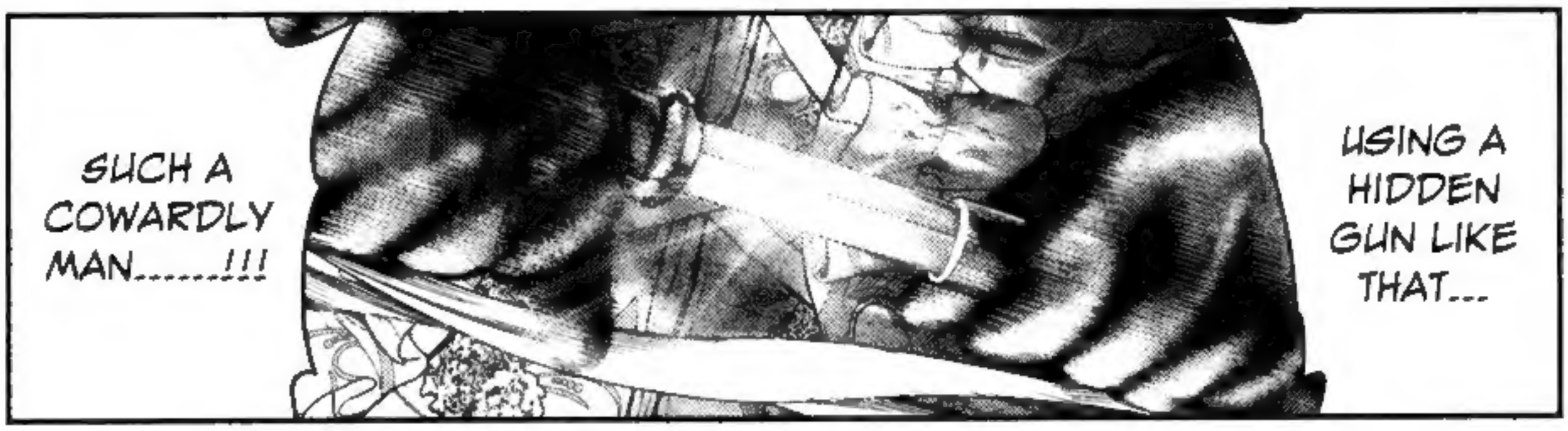


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THE FIRST ONE FROM WHICH CRIMSON BLOOD WAS DRAWN IS YOU...
IT SEEMS I HAVE WON THIS BOUT...


SUCH A COWARDLY MAN.....!!!
USING A HIDDEN GUN LIKE THAT...

I WILL BE YOUR OPPONENT NEXT!!!

WITNESS THE BLADE OF THE FORMER CAPTAIN OF THE DRAGOONS, CHEVALIER D'EON!!!

NOW, PREPARE YOURSELF!!!

!!!?

ANYONE COULD TELL YOU THAT THE SWORDPLAY OF AN EXECUTIONER IS NO MATCH FOR THE SWORD OF A KNIGHT...!!!

!?

THEN I, THE GREAT D'EON, SHALL DISPOSE OF THE BOTH OF YOU!!!

VERY WELL!!!

TWO SWORDS...?!!!

WHAT...?!!!



K...

KYAAAA AAAAAA AA!!!

THE MOMENT YOU HAD THE HEART OF A WOMAN, YOU WERE NO LONGER DESERVING OF BEING CALLED A KNIGHT.

AS THEY SAY, "WEAKNESS, THY NAME IS WOMAN".

JUST HOW DIRTY ARE YOU MEN?!!!

HOW COULD YOU TRAMPLE OVER THE FEELINGS OF LITTLE MARIE WHO DIDN'T INSPECT THE SWORD BECAUSE SHE TRUSTED HER BROTHER...!!!

WE HAD ACTUALLY PREPARED ANOTHER SWORD FOR USE IN THE INSPECTION.

BUT I NEVER EXPECTED WE WOULD USE IT IN SUCH A WAY AS THIS.

SORRY,

BUT ONE CANNOT SURVIVE THIS WORLD ONLY ON DREAMS AND IDEALS.

THERE IS NO PATH AVAILABLE FOR THOSE THAT WALK OUTSIDE HUMANITY'S PATH.

U...
UH.

GOD-DAMMI-IIIII-IIT!!!!

IT'S SO DIFFICULT TO LOOK AT...

TO BE A WOMAN AND TRIM YOUR HAIR THIS SHORT...

WAS THIS WHAT YOU HAD TO DO

SO YOU COULD CARRY THOSE STRONG FEELINGS...?

OTHERWISE, I WILL PIERCE YOUR HEART HERE AND NOW.

NOW, PLEASE FULFILL YOUR PROMISE, MARIE...

!!

...I UNDERSTAND, BIG BROTHER.

YOUR FEELINGS HAVE BEEN MADE PAINFULLY CLEAR.

MARIE AGREES TO MARRY MONSIEUR GASPARD.

BUT...

PLEASE GRANT ME ONE WISH...

LORD MARIE !!!

L...

LITTLE MARIE ?!!

EVEN MARIE CANNOT ENDURE WEARING THE OUTFIT OF A BRIDE WITH THIS HAIR.

COULD YOU SOMEHOW POSTPONE THE WEDDING UNTIL THIS HAIR GROWS BACK?

MARIE IS A WOMAN, TOO. FOR HER ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MOMENT OF HER MARRIAGE,

MARIE WANTS TO ARRANGE AND DECORATE HER OWN HAIR...

WELCOME BACK,

PETITE MARIE.

YOU'VE FINALLY COME BACK TO WHERE I AM.


One Month Later
July 1770
The Sanson Estate

n°89 "Karma" Inheritance





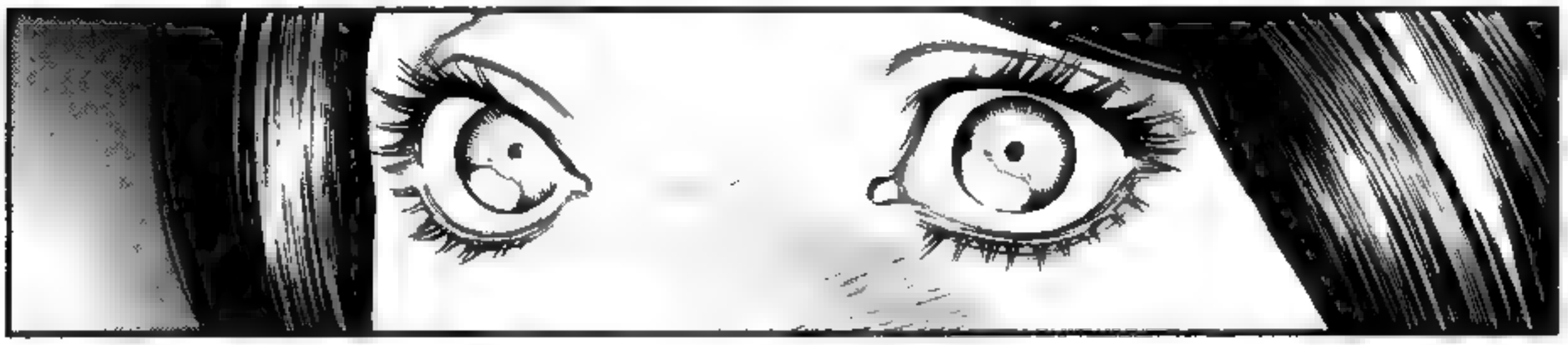


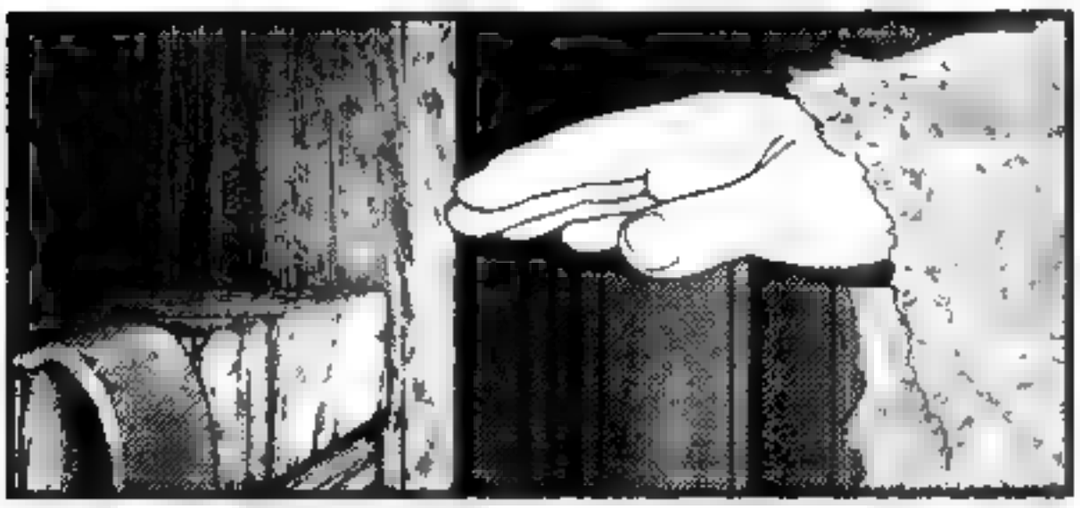

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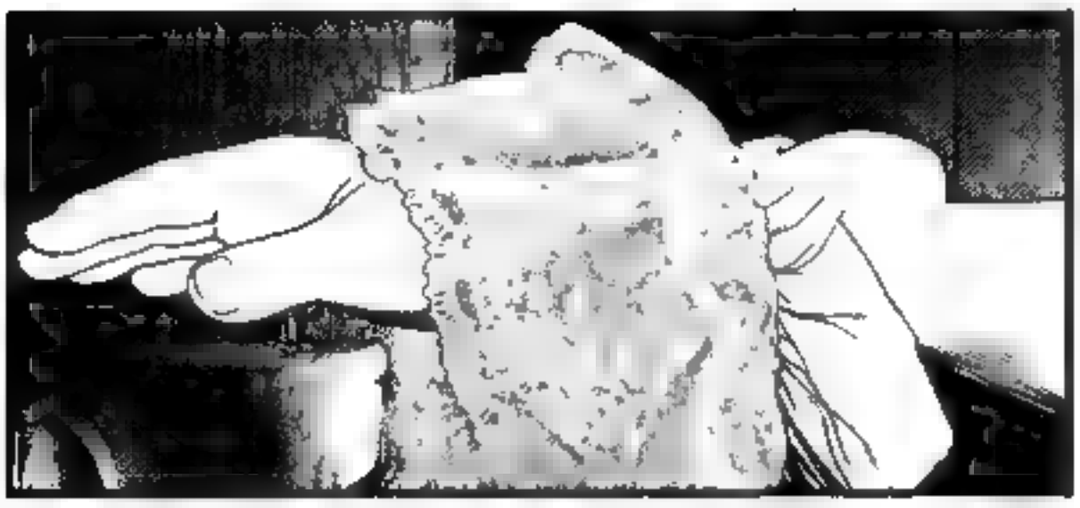












THAT IS A CHAIR I USE FOR WORK, HENRI...




Henri Sanson
Charles-Henri's Eldest Son
Born 1767
Would later become the
5th head of the Sanson
Household
PAPA...!!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIT DOWN?

I'M SORRY, I WOKE UP

AND I SAW A LIGHT...

IS IT OKAY?

NOW, RAISE YOUR HANDS.

PUT YOUR KNEES FORWARD AND TOGETHER.

!!?

P...
PAPA!

IT
HURTS
!!!

YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES PAPA TOLD YOU

NEVER TO COME INTO THIS ROOM.

YOUR BODY IS STILL QUITE SMALL, HENRI,

SO WE'LL NEED A FEW MORE SPIKES.

!!!

TH-THAT HURTS!!!

THIS IS CALLED A "BRODEQUIN".

IT IS A TORTURE DEVICE THAT USES IRON SPIKES

TO PRESS THE FLESH AND BONE OF YOUR LEGS TOGETHER.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND, HERNI? THE PEOPLE OF THE SANSON FAMILY

MUST NEVER DISOBEY THEIR PARENTS...!!!

.....

!!!

NO... PLEASE...

I DON'T LIKE THIS.

NO.....

MY BABY WAS ONLY JUST BORN!

I DON'T WANT ANY OF YOU DIRTY SANSONS PASSING IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE!!!

GET AWAY FROM HERE IMMEDIATELY, YOU GRIM REAPERS!!!

THAT PISS AND SHIT SHOULD BE LIKE PERFUME TO YOU! YOU OUGHT TO THANK ME!!!

YOU'RE COVERED IN FLIES THAT ARE LOOKING FOR ROTTING FLESH ANYHOW!

I BELIEVED I HAD BEEN BLESSED BY GOD WOULD BE HAPPY FOREVERMORE ...

WHEN MY SON WAS BORN, THIS WORLD SHINED WITH BRILLIANT COLOR.

THE FLOWERS AND TREES STOP TALKING TO ME.

BUT EVERY TIME MISFORTUNE FALLS UPON YOU, MY LITTLE HENRI,

STOPS MAKING MY HEART DANCE—...

THE BEAUTIFUL CHANGING OF SEASONS

AND TURN COLORLESS AND TRANSPARENT——...

THE COLORS OF THIS WORLD FADE

THE WORLD IS CRUEL!!!

ENDURE, HENRI.

ALONG WITH THIS PAIN, I SHALL CARVE STRICT RULES INTO YOUR SMALL BODY!!!

AS THE 5TH HEAD OF THE SANSON HOUSEHOLD,

THIS IS THE DUTY OF THOSE WITH CHILDREN.

IF YOU MUST HATE YOUR FATHER, THEN GO AHEAD...


THEY BECOME A VILLAIN ——...!!!
THE MOMENT ONE BECOMES A PARENT,

WE MUST EVEN DECEIVE THE SISTER I SHARE BLOOD WITH AND FIRE A COLD BULLET INTO THAT SOFT SKIN WITHOUT HESITATION ...!!!

IN ORDER FOR YOU AND I TO PROTECT AND GROW THE SANSON FAMILY.

HOW BEAUTIFUL...


1771
September 14th
The Palace of
Versailles




THIS SUCKS


SAME GOES FOR YOU...

AND WE'LL BE TOGETHER FROM NOW ON, AS WELL, WON'T WE...?

YOU AND I ARE ONE IN BODY AND SPIRIT.


IMPOS-
SIBLE.
IT
COME TOMORROW, MARIE WILL BE EXCHANGING KISSES WITH SOMEONE ELSE.
MARIE MAY EVEN BE STAYING THE NIGHT IN BED WITH SOMEONE ELSE...
MARIE DOES NOT MAKE PROMISES WITH ANYONE...

!!

CROWNED PRINCESS, PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE.

THE EVENING PARTY'S GAME OF CARDS

SEEMS TO BE ABOUT DONE, MY LADY.

SO, SHALL WE MAKE OUR APPEARANCE?

CHOISEUL, THE ONE THAT BACKED YOUR MARRIAGE TO LORD AUGUSTE,

HAS LOST HIS STANDING AND AND DRIVEN OUT OF THIS CITY OF VERSAILLES.

PRINCESS, BEHAVING LIKE A CHILD WILL NOT WORK ANYMORE.

COUNTESS NOAILLES, REALLY MUST I GO?

THAT NICE MONSIEUR THAT GREETED ME WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED IN FRANCE...

YES, CHOI-SEUL...

ONE YEAR AGO, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD FLEE THIS PALACE AND LEAVE ME HERE...!!!

YES, PRINCESS.

AS WELL AS THE WELL-BEING OF ALL OF FRANCE.

YOU CAN GUARANTEE

MY WELL-BEING HERE, CAN YOU...?

HE EVEN FACES HIS BACK TO ME IN BED AND NEVER ACCEPTS ME AS HIS WIFE!

AND IT SEEMS THAT LORD AUGUSTE WILL NOT EVEN LISTEN TO ME, JUST AS ALWAYS.

WHY HAVE YOU DISAPPEARED EVER SINCE THAT DAY?

PLEASE, MARIE-JOSEPHE, COME BACK TO MY SIDE.








WITHOUT YOU, VERSAILLES IS BORING.
AND I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING BACK TO BEING NOTHING BUT AN ORNATE PUPPET ...!!!

PRINCESS...

COME, MADAME DU BARRY IS WAITING JUST OVER THERE—...

AND JOIN INTO THE HIGH SOCIETY OF ADULTS —!!

...!!

THIS IS A FRENCH PALACE. THROW AWAY THE CHILDISH DISPOSITION YOU HAD FROM BEING RAISED IN AN HONEST FAMILY

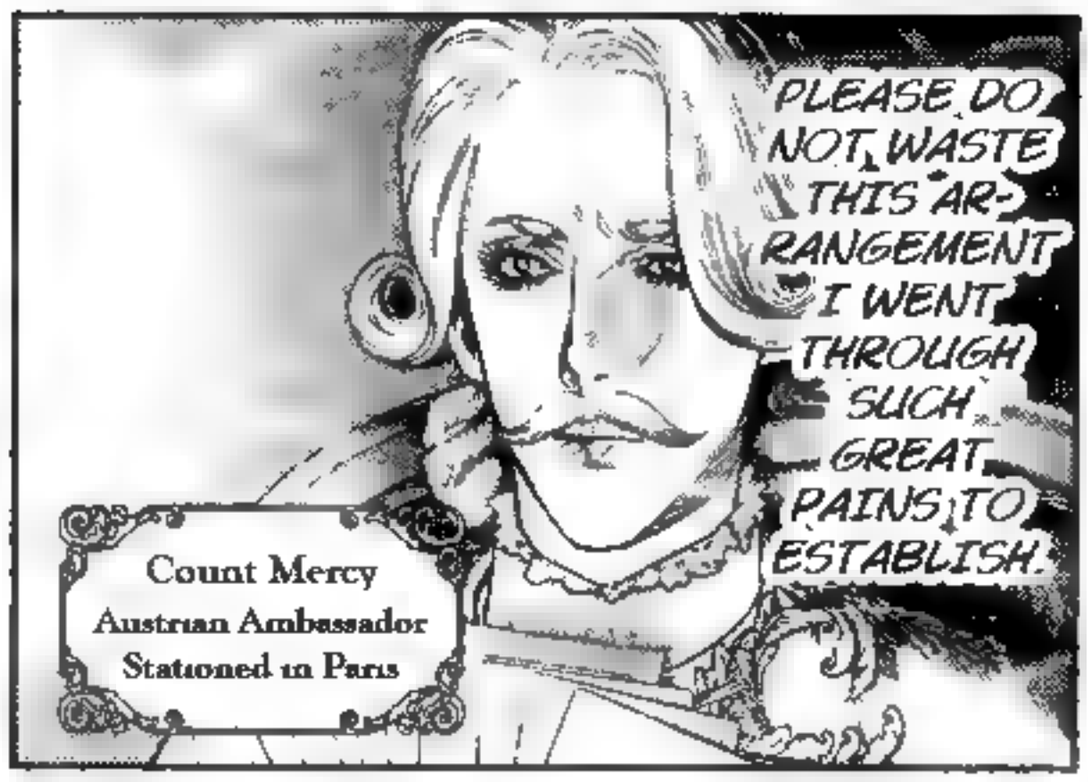
NOW THEN, I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT

YOU ARE A 15 YEAR OLD MAIDEN, I HAVE NO ENMITY TOWARDS YOU. LET US END THIS QUARREL HERE.

I NO LONGER HAVE THE WILL-POWER TO BE STUB-BORN.

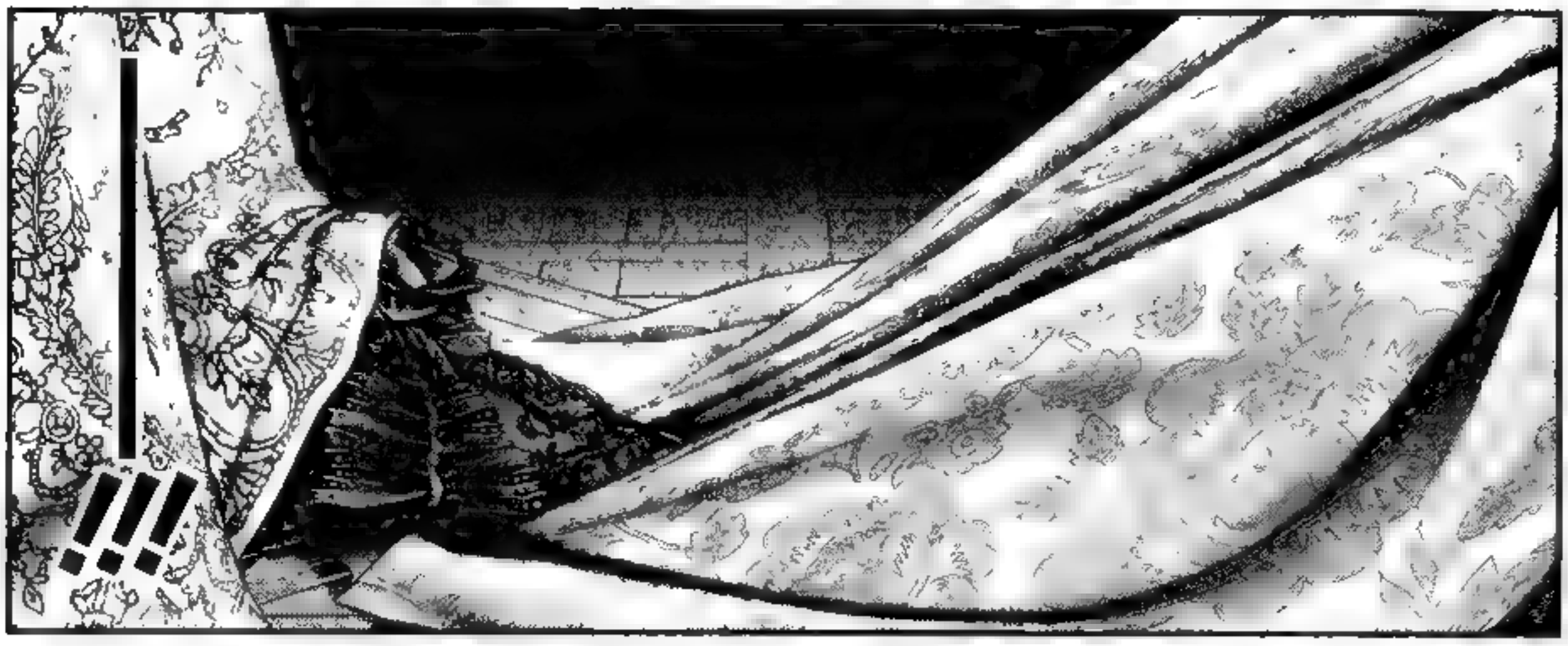
MY ONLY CHOICE IS TO LIVE MY LIFE FOL-LOWING THE CUSTOMS OF THIS ROYAL COURT...


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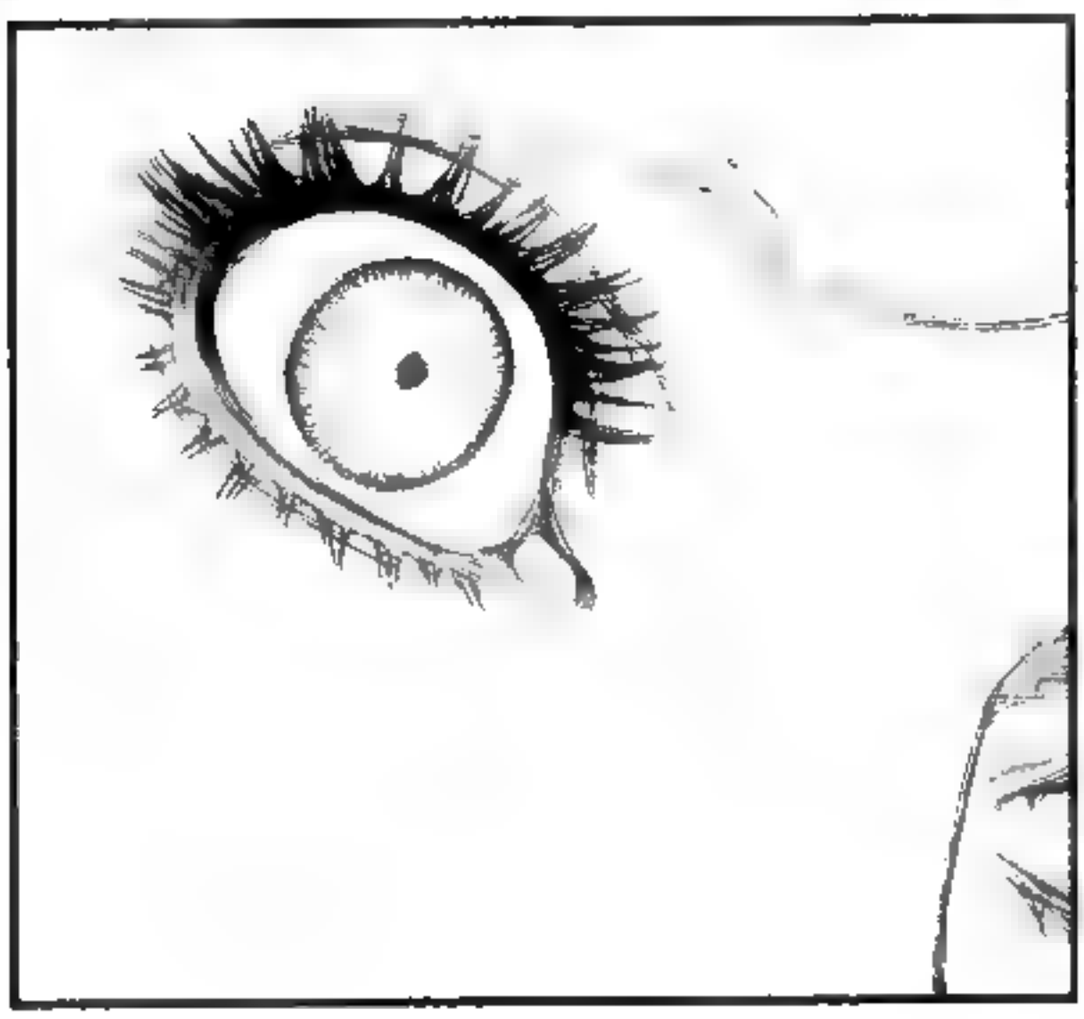

PLEASE DO NOT WASTE THIS AR-RANGEMENT I WENT THROUGH SUCH GREAT PAINS TO ESTABLISH.
Count Mercy
Austrian Ambassador
Stationed in Paris


PLEASE CALL OUT TO MADAME DU BARRY.
NOW, QUICKLY,


...


!!!








WHO

SUCKS, DOESN'T IT?

!!?

I KNOW YOUR EYES.

THOSE BLUE EYES THAT MAKE MY WHOLE BODY FEEL LIKE IT'S BEING SCORCHED ——...

WHEN THESE EYES GAZE AT ME, THE CORE OF MY BODY HEATS UP AND BURSTS INTO PURE RED FLAMES ——...

THIS IS WHAT I WANTED !!!!

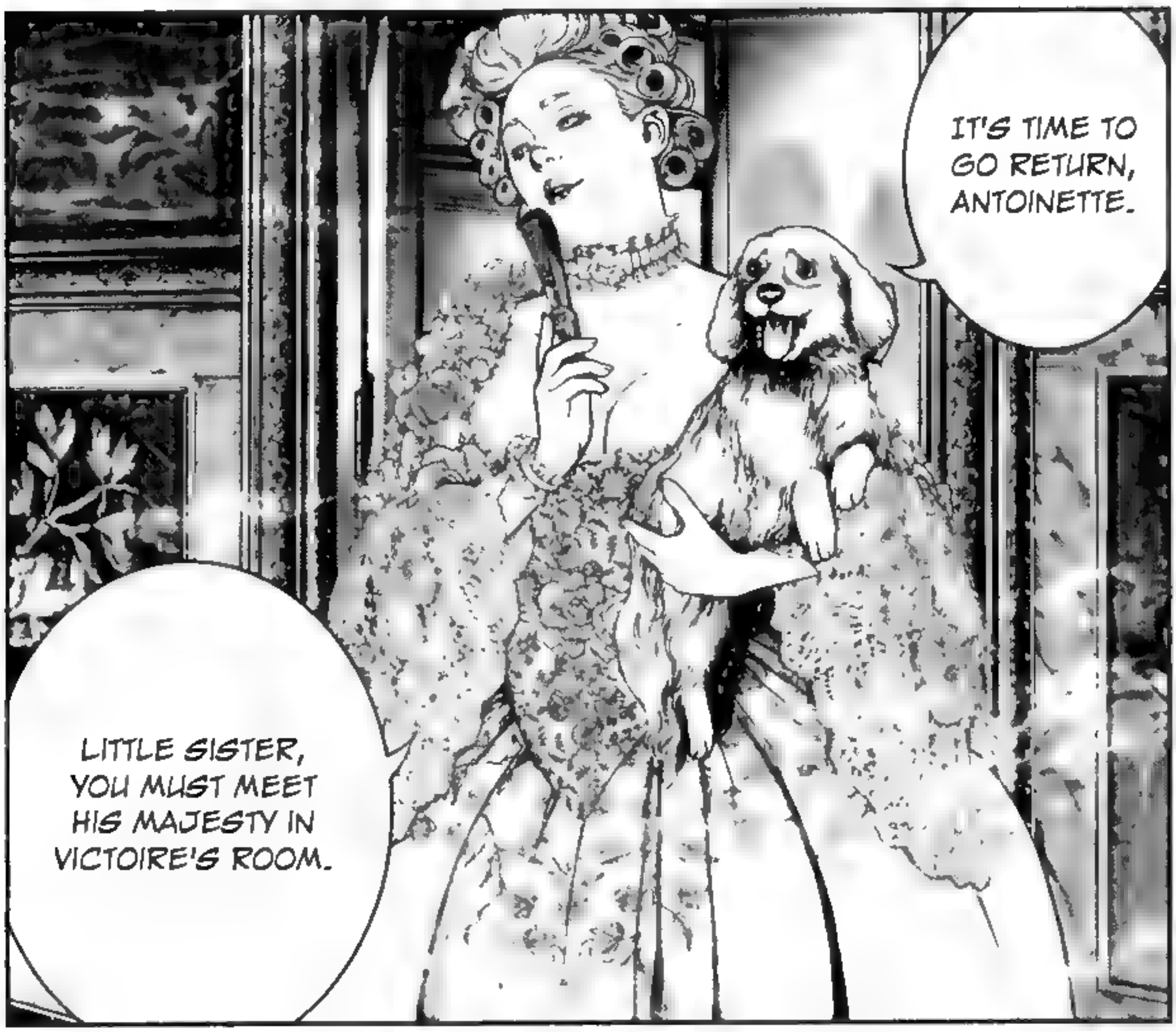
CAN ONLY SCOLD ME IN THE FORM OF LETTERS.
WHEN I'M HERE, EVEN MOTHER
THE CROWNED PRINCE'S MOTHER HAS ALREADY PASSED ON.
HER MAJESTY, QUEEN MARIE LESZCZYNSKA,
THAT CAN GIVE ME ORDERS——…
THERE IS NOT A SINGLE WOMAN HERE IN FRANCE

SHALL DECIDE WHAT I DO ON MY OWN——!!!

I, CROWNED PRINCESS MARIE-ANTOINETTE,

n°91 Freedom and Order


WOOF
WOOF
!!!


IT'S TIME TO GO RETURN, ANTOINETTE.
LITTLE SISTER, YOU MUST MEET HIS MAJESTY IN VICTOIRE'S ROOM.

NOW, COME, MY CUTE LITTLE ANTOI-NETTE!

THERE IS NO NEED FOR WE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY TO GREET SUCH A WOMAN!!

AUNT ADEL-AIDE ...!!!

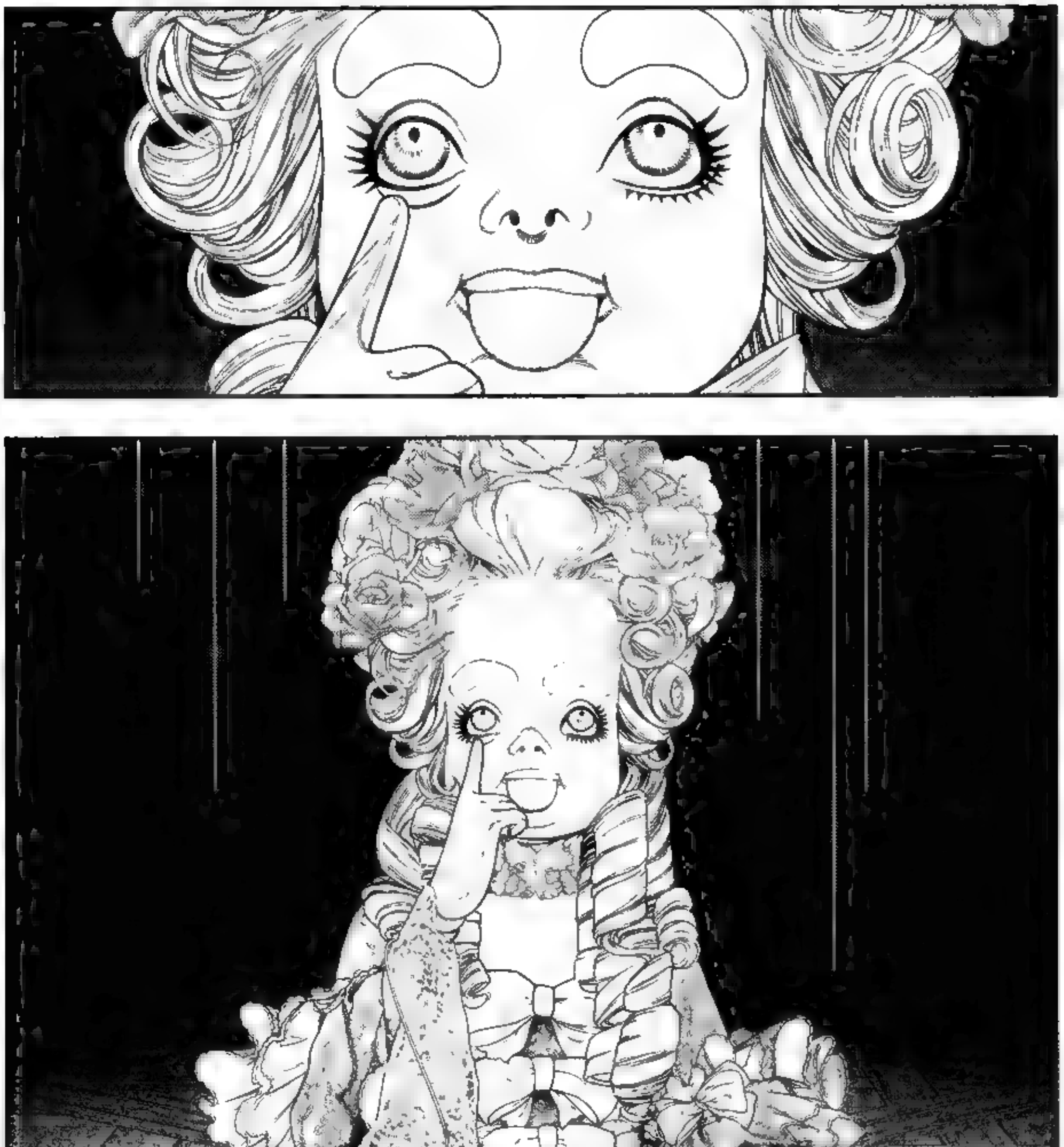
NO ONE CAN STOP ME ANY LONGER ——...

PLEASE, GREET HER, QUICKLY ...!!!

PRIN-CESS...!!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

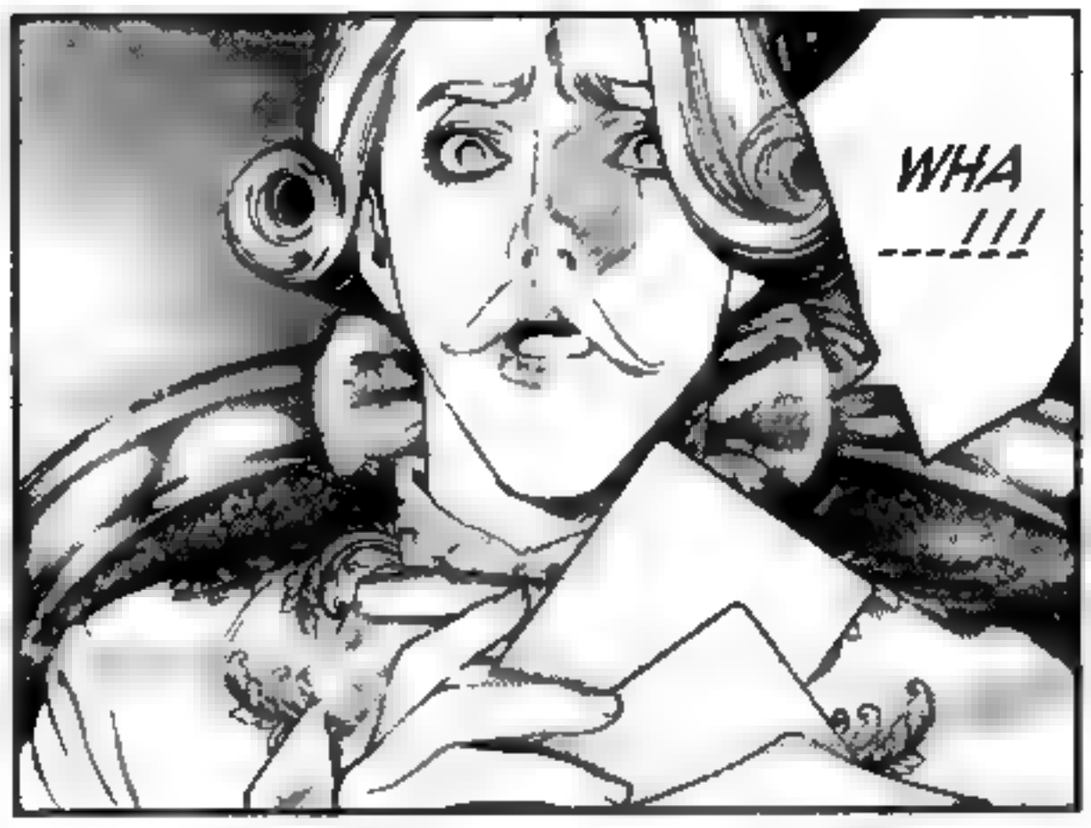
BEFORE THESE WAVES BECOME A STORM THAT REACHES ACROSS ALL OF VERSAILLES ——!!!

JUST ONE WORD. JUST ONE WORD IS ENOUGH.

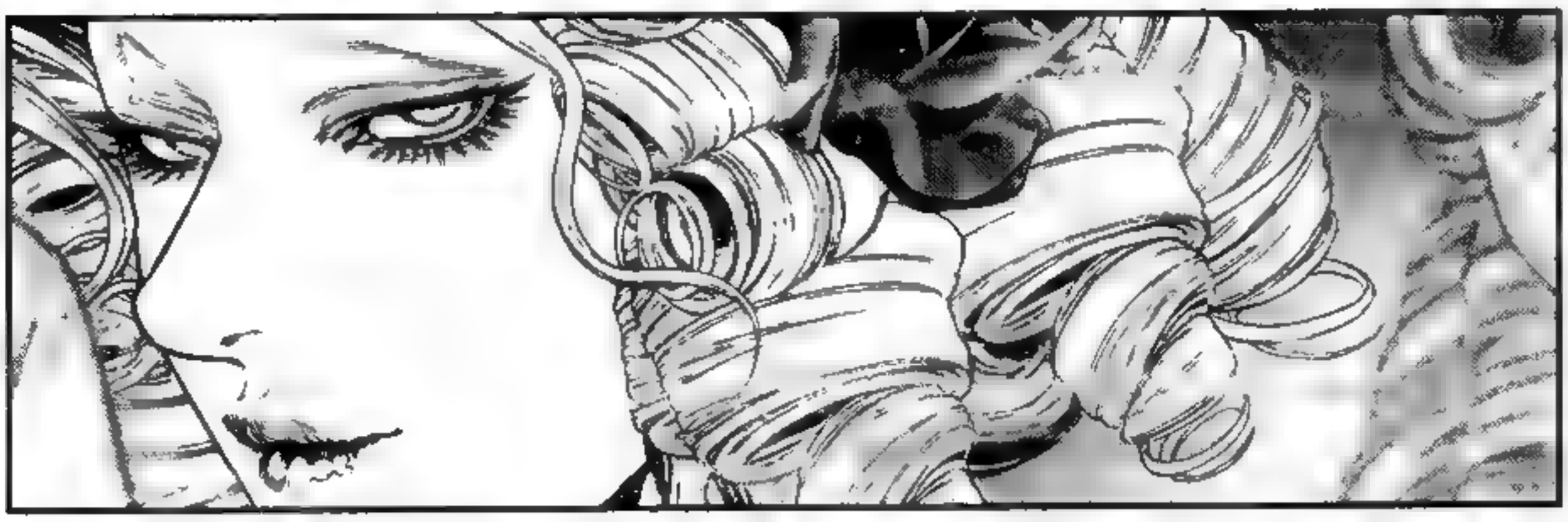



THAT IS RIGHT!
LET US GET GOING, AUNTIE!!!




WHA
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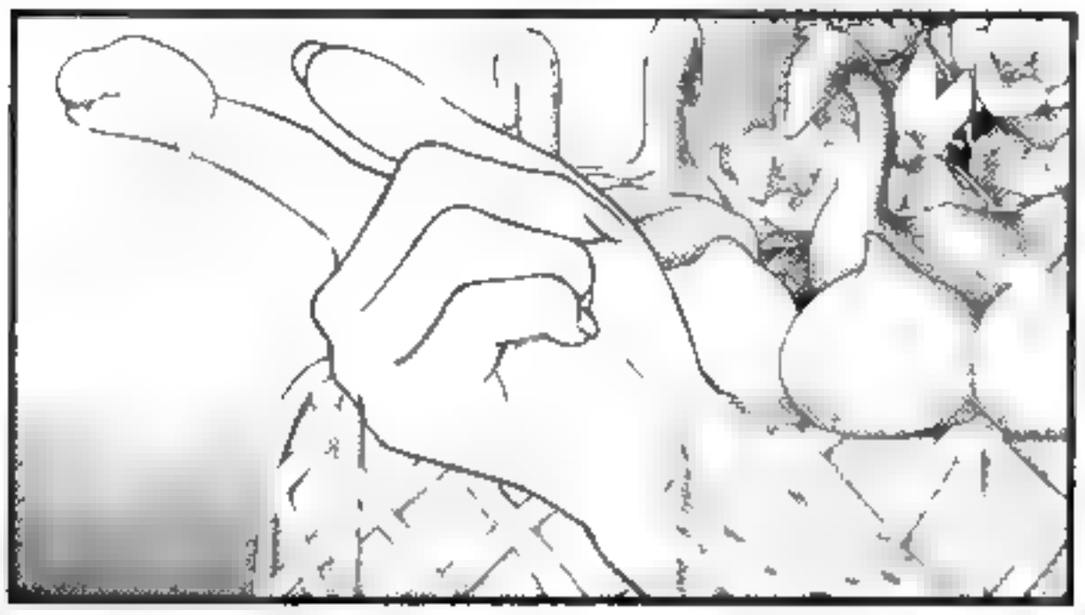


WHAT!? YOU GINGER LITTLE RUNT....

YOU THINK YOU CAN OPPOSE ME?! THE PERSON THAT HAS THE KING WRAPPED AROUND HER LITTLE FINGER ...?!!!



'WHAT A FACE SHE IS MAKING, AUNTIE.



I'LL BET SHE'S GOING BALD UNDER THAT WIG!

I FEEL SO ALIVE! I COULD NEVER GET TIRED OF THIS FEELI—NG !!!

THIS IS AMAA-AAAA-ZING!











※The Duchy of Savoy was a state in the northern part of modern-day Italy.

MADAME DU BARRY IS THE WOMAN I LOVE MOST IN THIS WORLD.

TO SLIGHT HER IS TO SLIGHT THE KING OF FRANCE.

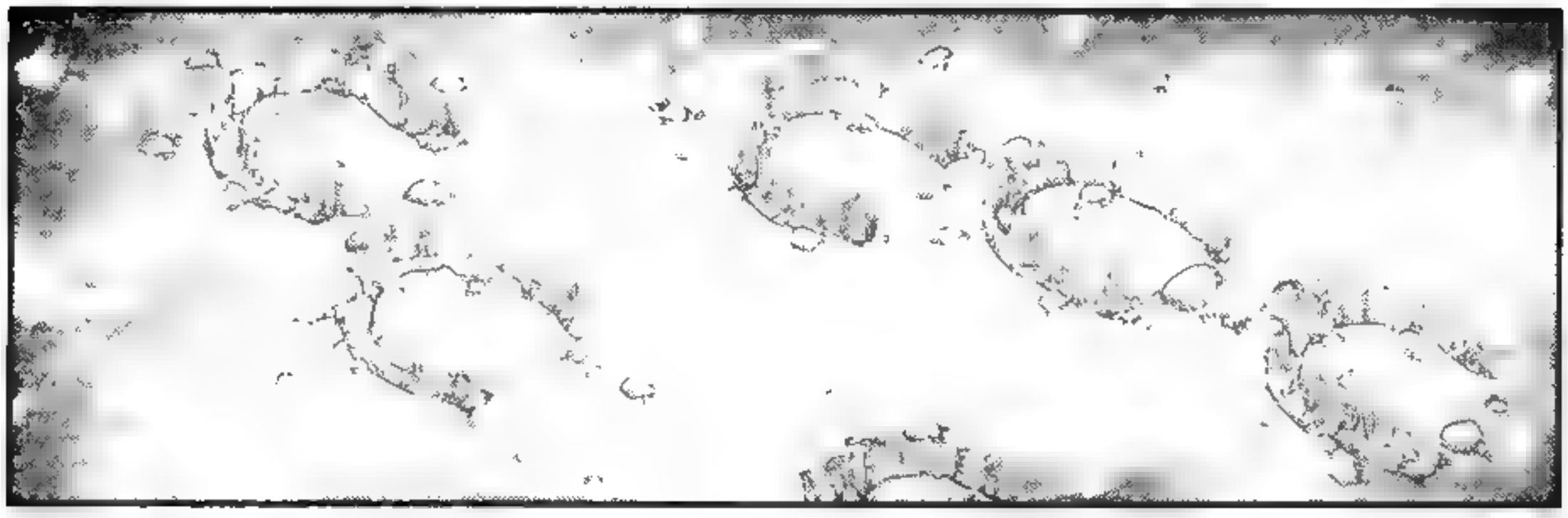
IF THE CROWNED PRINCESS CONTINUES HER THOUGHTLESS ACTIONS, THEN I WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER DISINHERITING AUGUSTE AND HER.

THIS IS A MOST SERIOUS AFFAIR—...

E-EMPRESS MARIA THERESA...


HAS PUT OUR NATION OF AUSTRIA'S ALLIANCE WITH FRANCE IN JEO-PARDY!!!
THE PRIN-CESS'S YOUTHFUL SELFISH-NESS

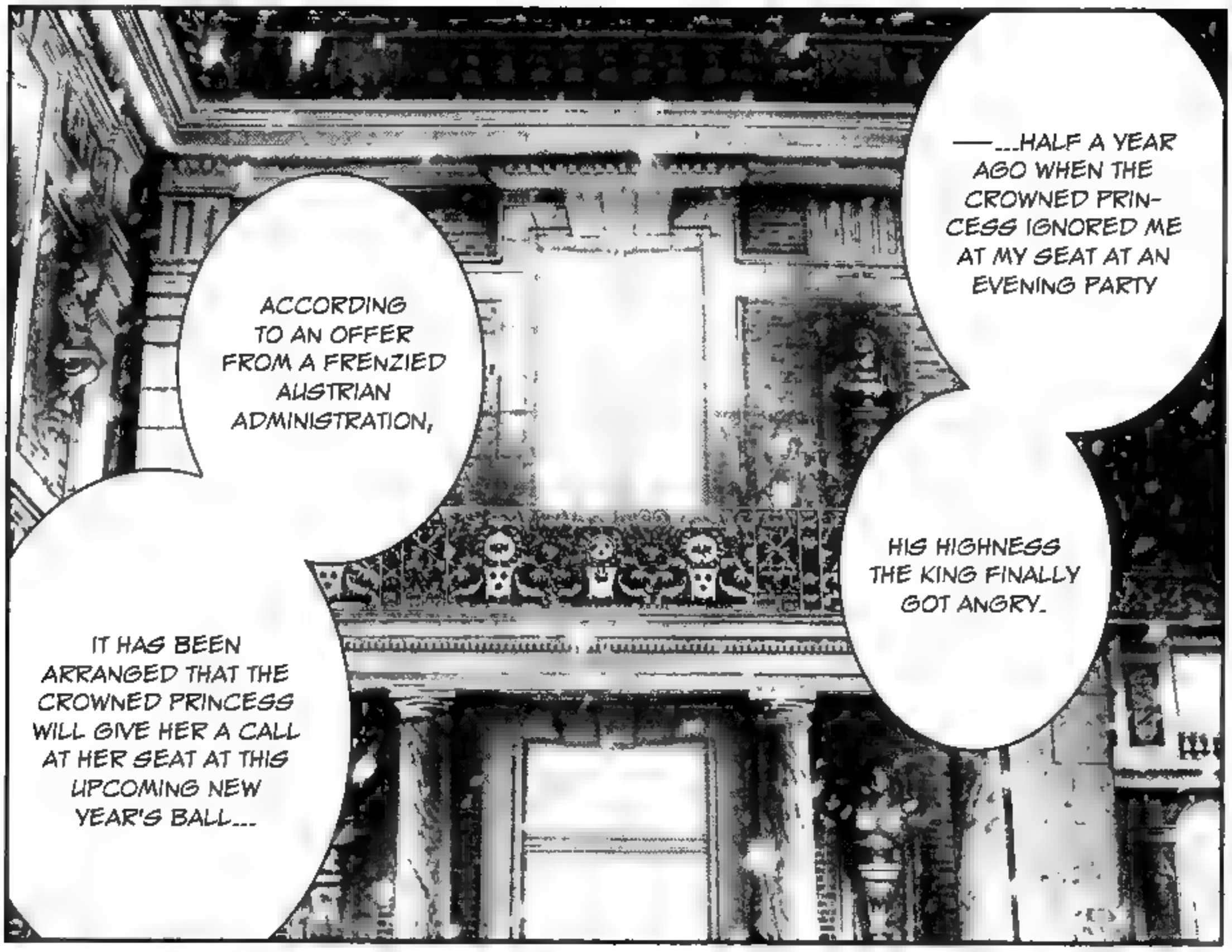


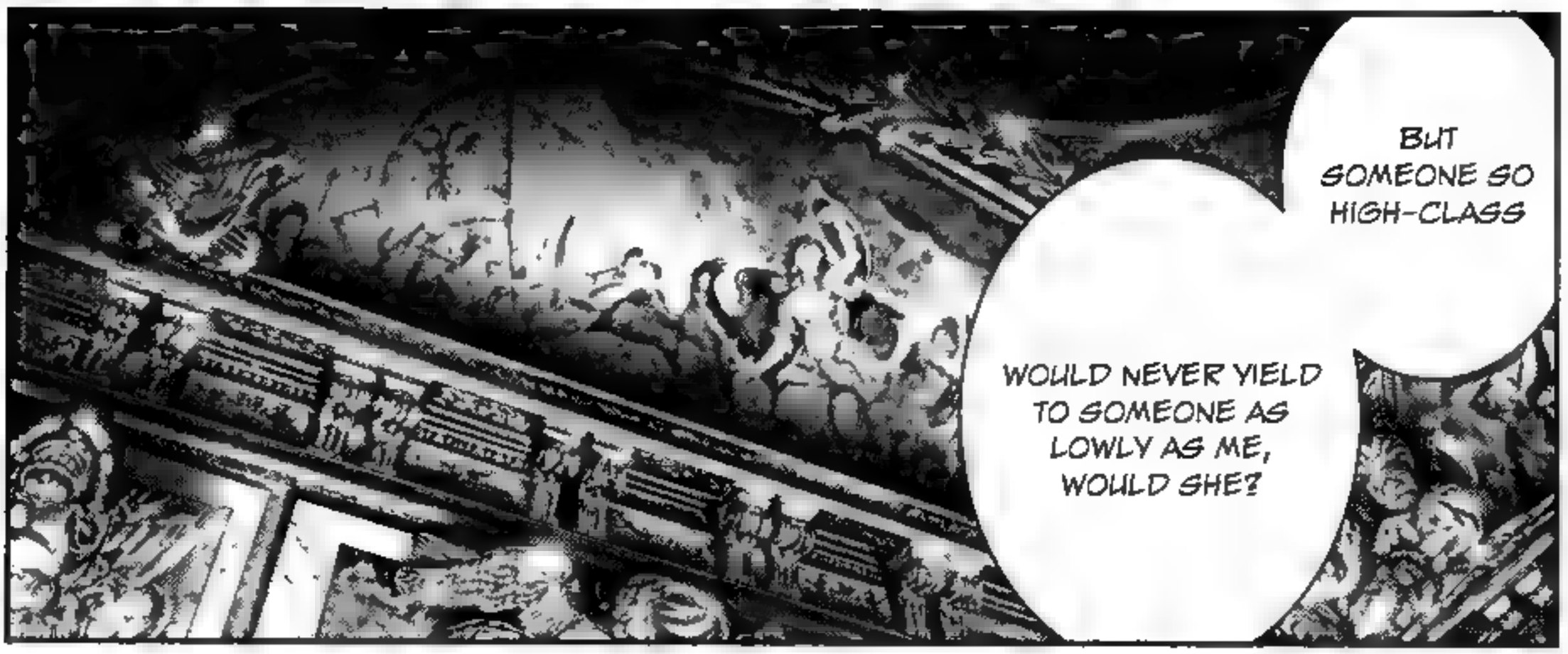


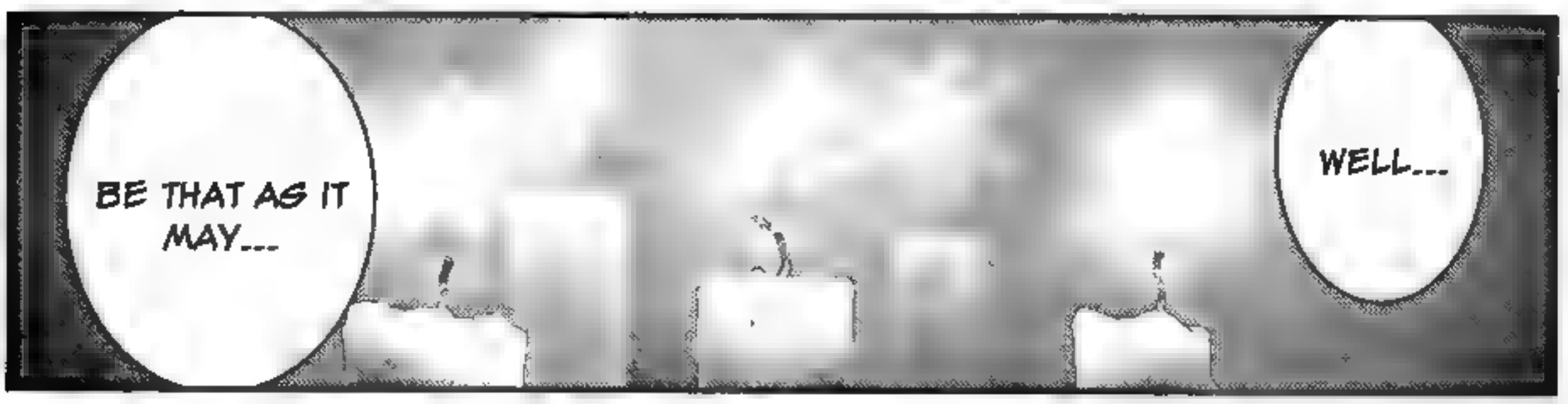



1772 New Year's Day
The Palace of Versailles




——...HALF A YEAR AGO WHEN THE CROWNED PRINCESS IGNORED ME AT MY SEAT AT AN EVENING PARTY
ACCORDING TO AN OFFER FROM A FRENZIED AUSTRIAN ADMINISTRATION,
HIS HIGHNESS THE KING FINALLY GOT ANGRY.
IT HAS BEEN ARRANGED THAT THE CROWNED PRINCESS WILL GIVE HER A CALL AT HER SEAT AT THIS UPCOMING NEW YEAR'S BALL...


BUT SOMEONE SO HIGH-CLASS
WOULD NEVER YIELD TO SOMEONE AS LOWLY AS ME, WOULD SHE?


BE THAT AS IT MAY...
WELL...

HAVE YOU GONE MAD, MADAME...?!!

IT WILL BE FINE, JUST HOLD STILL.

I WILL HANDLE EVERYTHING...

AH...

WOULD I NOT BE A NUISANCE TO YOU, MADAME...?

...BUT IF SOMEONE LIKE ME GOES TO SUCH A FORMAL PLACE

YOU'RE FINE.

FOR ME, SOMEONE WHO IS NOT AN ARISTOCRAT, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE IN VERSAILLES THAT I CAN OPEN MY HEART TO AND CALL MON AMI.

JUST BY BEING BY MY SIDE AND KNOWING YOU ARE SUPPORTING ME WILL BOLSTER MY COURAGE.

THERE, IT IS DONE!!

CHARLES-HENRI, NOW NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY SEE YOU AS ANYTHING BUT A PERFECT MADAME.

COME, JOIN ME AS MY GUEST TO THE NEW YEARS BALL.

n°92 Garden of Carnage

I FEEL AS THOUGH IF I SHOWED ONE SHOULDER IT WOULD BE LIKE I WOULD FEEL AS MUCH EMBARRASSMENT AS IF I WERE NOT WEARING A SINGLE THREAD...

MADAME, IS THIS WHAT BEING A WOMAN FEELS LIKE?

THAT IS FINE.

CHARLES-HENRI...

THAT EMBARRASSMENT DYES YOUR FACE THE COLOR OF A ROSE AND COMPLETES YOUR FABRICATED BEAUTY—!!

NOW, BEHOLD!!

THE LAST MOON OF THE YEAR IS NOW SINKING BEHIND THE TIPS OF THE TREES' BRANCHES.

AND THE FIRST SUN OF THIS YEAR HAS BEGUN TO ILLUMINATE THE WHOLE OF THE EARTH——...

NOW, LET'S GO

ONWARD TO OUR STAGE

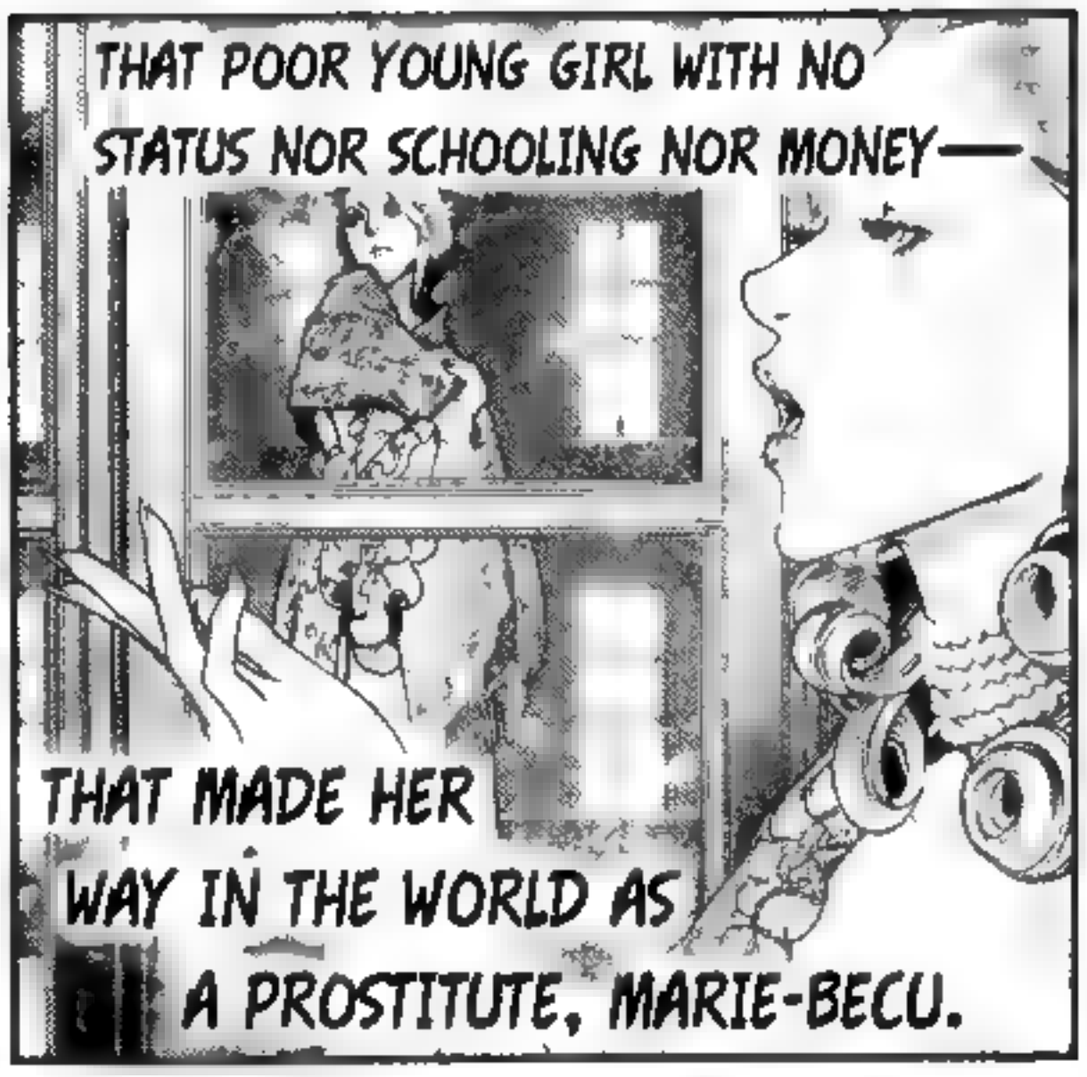
IF WE WORK TOGETHER

WE CAN SAVE FRANCE FROM CHAOS!!!

TO BE HONEST, THAT IS A LIE. I DON'T CARE ABOUT FRANCE IN THE LEAST!!

I JUST WANT TO BE SPOKEN ONE SENTENCE BY THAT PRINCESS SO I CAN LIVE PEACEFULLY IN VERSAILLES!!


I'M SORRY!
I NEVER WANT TO GO BACK
TO BEING YOU——!!!


THAT POOR YOUNG GIRL WITH NO
STATUS NOR SCHOOLING NOR MONEY——
THAT MADE HER
WAY IN THE WORLD AS
A PROSTITUTE, MARIE-BECU.



TO BE HONEST, IT IS NOT THE MADAME I AM WORRIED ABOUT.

IT IS ONLY MY SANSON FAMILY AND OUR BELOVED SONS——

I MUST HAVE HIM BECOME THE KING OR THE SANSON FAMILY WILL SUDDENLY BE COVERED BY DARK CLOUDS————!!!

LOUIS-AUGUSTE IS THE ONE SUPPORTER OF MY SANSON FAMILY.

PLEASE DO NOT CRY, HENRI!

I, YOUR FATHER, WILL PROTECT YOU FROM THE VOICES THAT SCORN YOU——!!!

OUI.

MADAME DU BARRY!

NOW, LET US GO.

CHARLES-HENRI!

LET US PRESS ONWARD

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR FUTURES——!!!




«AAH, THIS IS VERSAILLES——...
THE PLACE WHERE THE
BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS OF THE WORLD
COMPETE TO BE MOST BEAUTIFUL
AND WE AWAIT THE VOICE
OF ONE SOLE GODDESS——!!!

NO, PLEASE, CHOOSE ME FIRST!

IF I RECEIVE THE BLESSING OF YOUR VOICE

THOSE NEXT TO ME

WILL CLICK THEIR TONGUES IN FRUSTRATION!!!

PRINCESS,

PLEASE CAST SOMEONE AS UNDESERVING AS ME

ONE BEAUTIFUL CALL!!

A SMILE AND A KIND WORD FROM YOU, PRINCESS,

WILL MAKE SIGNING PROMISSORY NOTES LIGHTER

AND MAKE MY DRESS MORE COLORFUL!

PLEASE,

YOU MUST BLESS ME

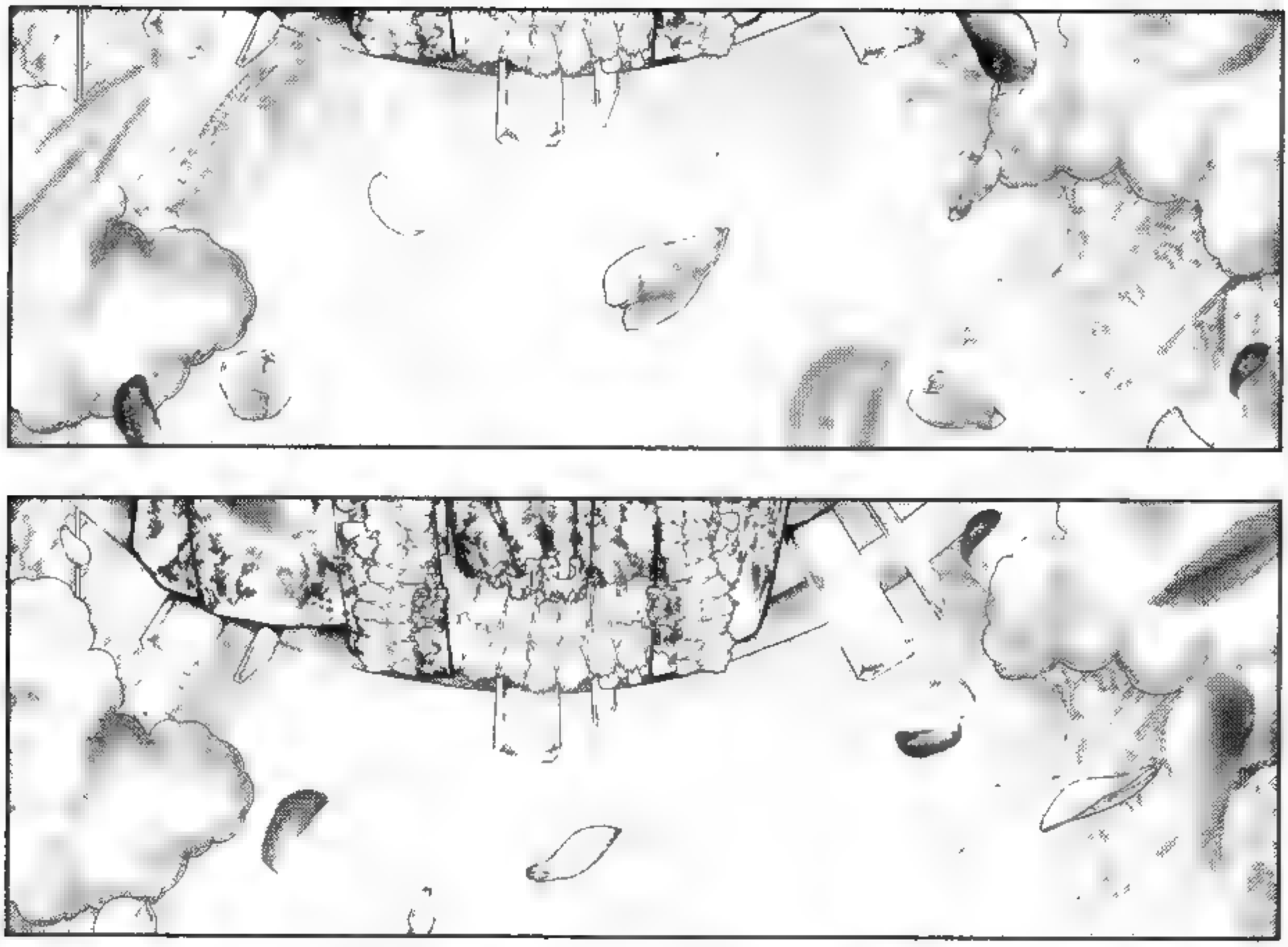
WITH YOUR ANGEL'S VOICE AS WELL!!!

PRINCESS!

PRINCESS!

PRINCESS!

PLEASE, CALL YOUR VOICE OUT TO ME!!!



"IL Y A BIEN DU MONDE AUJOURD'HUI À VERSAILLES."*

AS LONG AS I CHANT THAT MAGIC INCANTATION

EVERYTHING WILL GO PERFECTLY——!!!

*(There are many people at Versailles today.)

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

WHAT A MAGNIFICENT DIAMOND EARRING.

IT SUITS YOUR BLOND HAIR

EVER SO WELL, LADY ARMAGNAC.

HAPPY NEW YEAR,

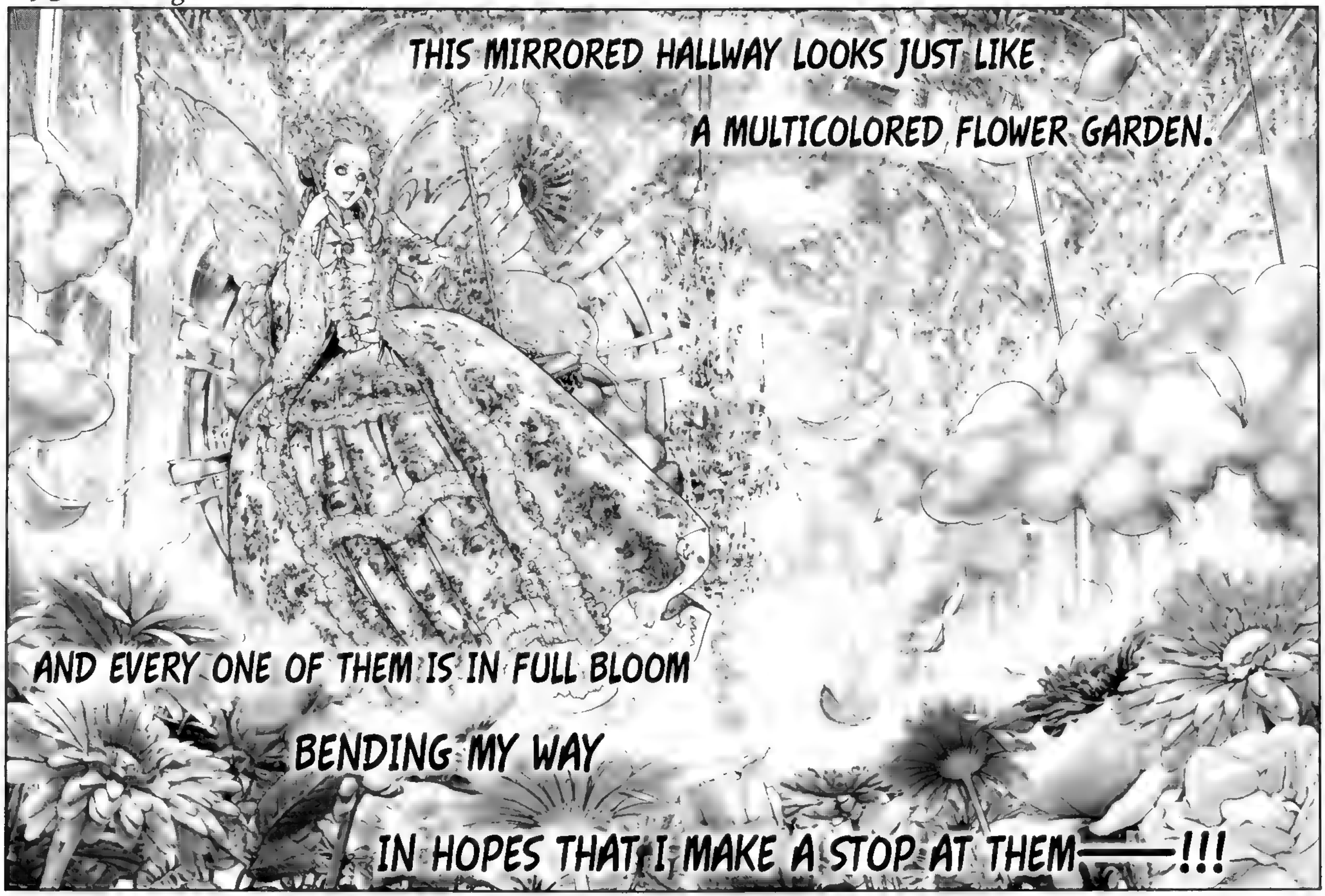
DUCHESS OF MONTMORENCY.

WHAT A WONDERFUL NECK RIBBON.

LYON TRULY DOES HAVE THE BEST SILK!!

WHICH FLOWER

SHALL I STOP AT NEXT——?


THIS MIRRORED HALLWAY LOOKS JUST LIKE
A MULTICOLORED FLOWER GARDEN.
AND EVERY ONE OF THEM IS IN FULL BLOOM
BENDING MY WAY
IN HOPES THAT I MAKE A STOP AT THEM——!!!

PRINCESS MARIE ANTOINETTE

OUI...

PRINCESS MARIE ANTOINETTE

OUI...

TODAY

THERE WILL BE NO CAPRICE—

THE FLOWER YOU WILL STOP AT IS SET.

JUST AS WE REHEARSED, YOU WILL CHANT

THAT MAGIC SPELL OF MERELY 9 WORDS——!!!

'IL Y A BIEN DU MONDE AUJOURD'HUI À VERSAILLES.—...'

JUST AS YOUR MOTHER ADVISED,

WITH THOSE LITTLE MAGIC WORDS

YOU WILL CHANGE THIS WORLD—!!

ABSURD———!!!!

THAT IS LIKE A COMÈDIE!

GOING MAD OVER THOUGHTLESS WORDS,

CLINGING TO VULGAR LAUGHTER

AS YOU EXAMINE EACH OTHERS' COMPLEXION...

THIS IS

A BALL OF PIERROTS!!!

NOW, COME THIS WAY, ANTOINETTE!

JUST IGNORE THOSE TEDIOUS ADULTS!!!

I KNEW THAT MADAME WAS YOU!

AND YOU LOOK MAGNIFICENT...!!!

MARIE-JOSEPHE...!!!

AH, YOU ARE A STORM.

MY FLAME THAT HAD REDUCED TO A SMOLDER IS BURNING BACK TO A SCORCHING RED!!!

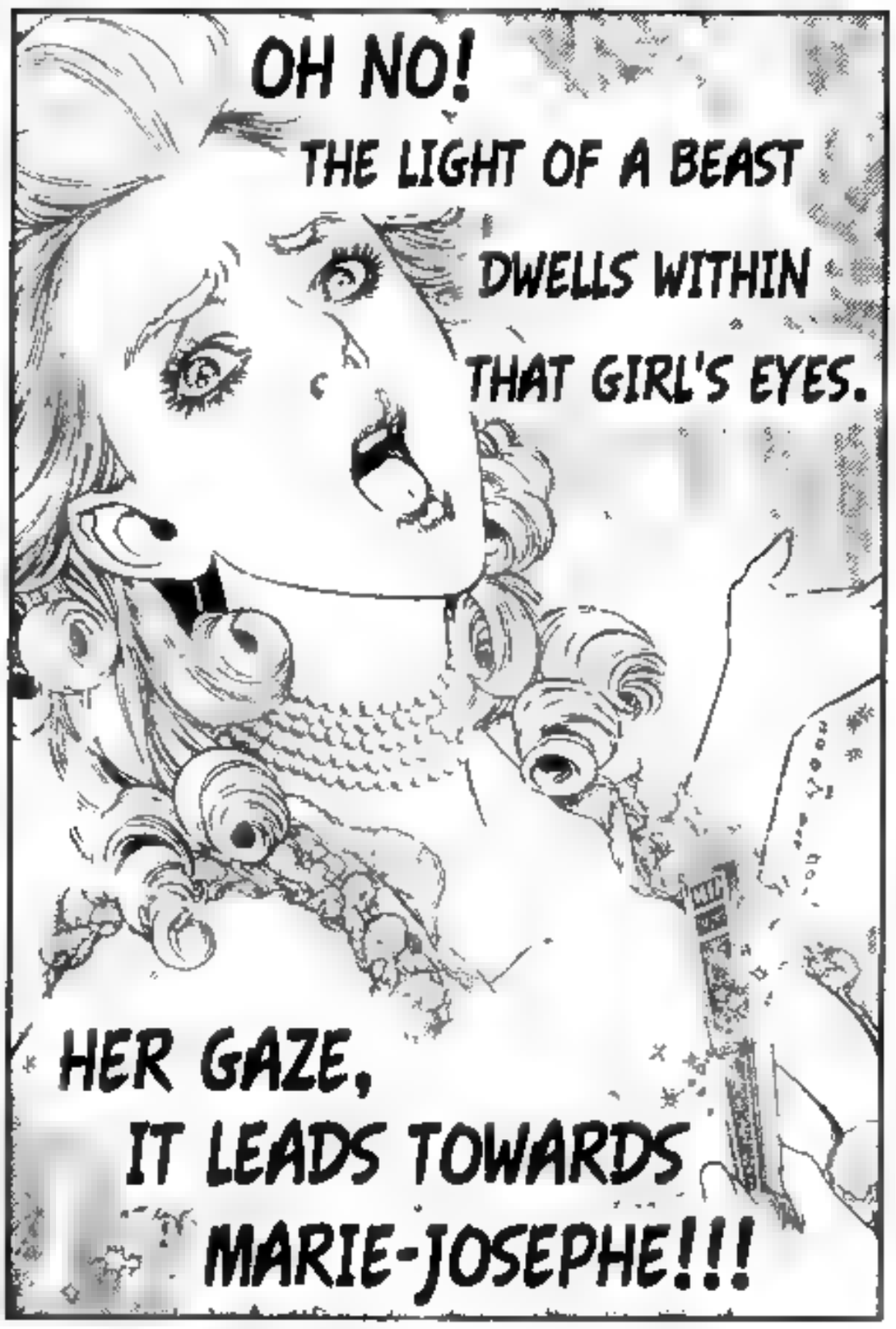
NOW, QUICKLY,

LET US LEAVE THIS NAUSEATING PLACE AND HURRY BACK TO THE WORLD WITH JUST THE TWO OF US!

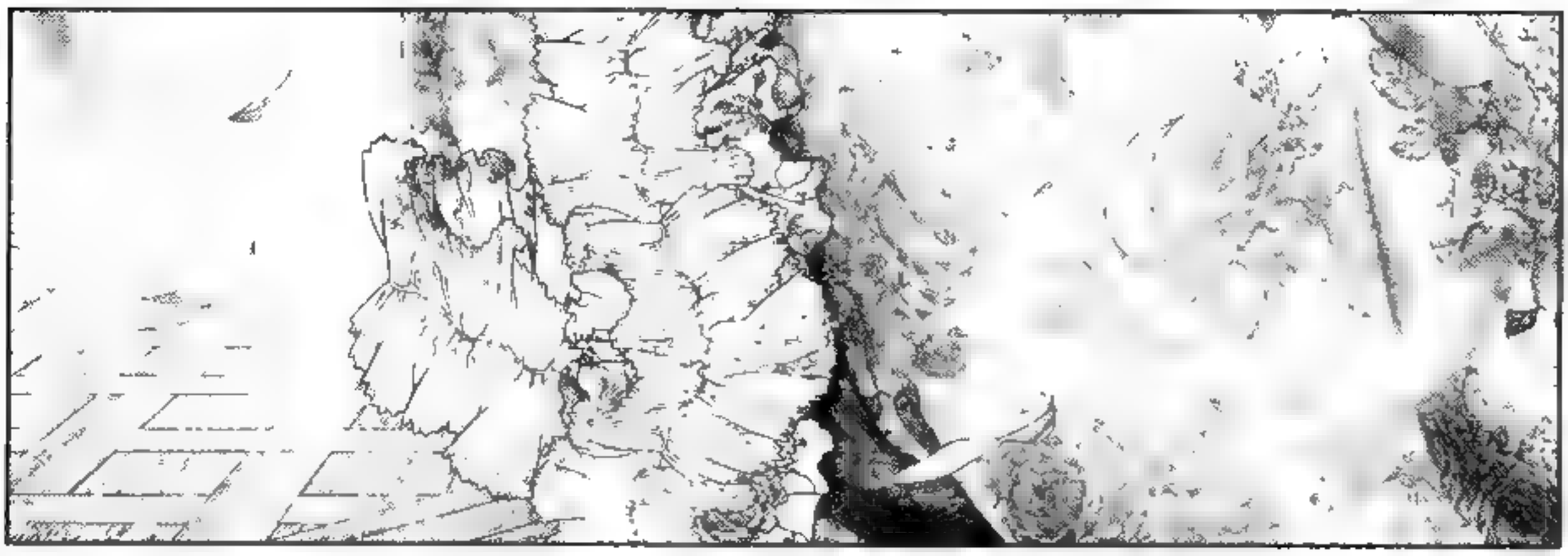
I NO LONGER SEE ANYONE BUT YOU.

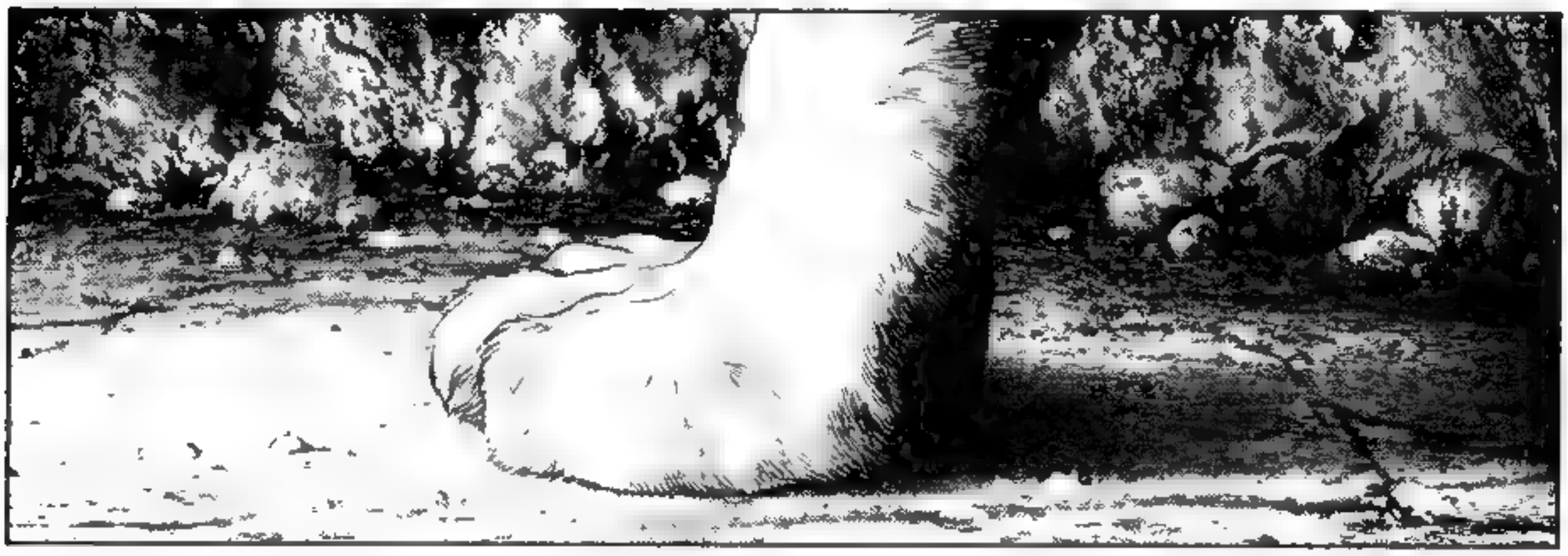
I WILL HOLD THIS HEAD UP HIGH.
AND WALK STRAIGHT
TO WHERE YOU ARE.


TO HELL WITH THOSE PEOPLE
USING YOU LIKE THAT!


OH NO!
THE LIGHT OF A BEAST DWELLS WITHIN THAT GIRL'S EYES.
HER GAZE, IT LEADS TOWARDS MARIE-JOSEPHE!!!


PRINCESS, DO NOT FORGET THAT INCANTATION—!!!
'IL Y A BIEN DU MONDE AUJOURD'HUI À VERSAILLES—...

















THE CROWNED PRINCESS STOPPED IN FRONT OF MADAME DU BARRY...!!!

HAS THE TIME FINALLY COME...?!!!

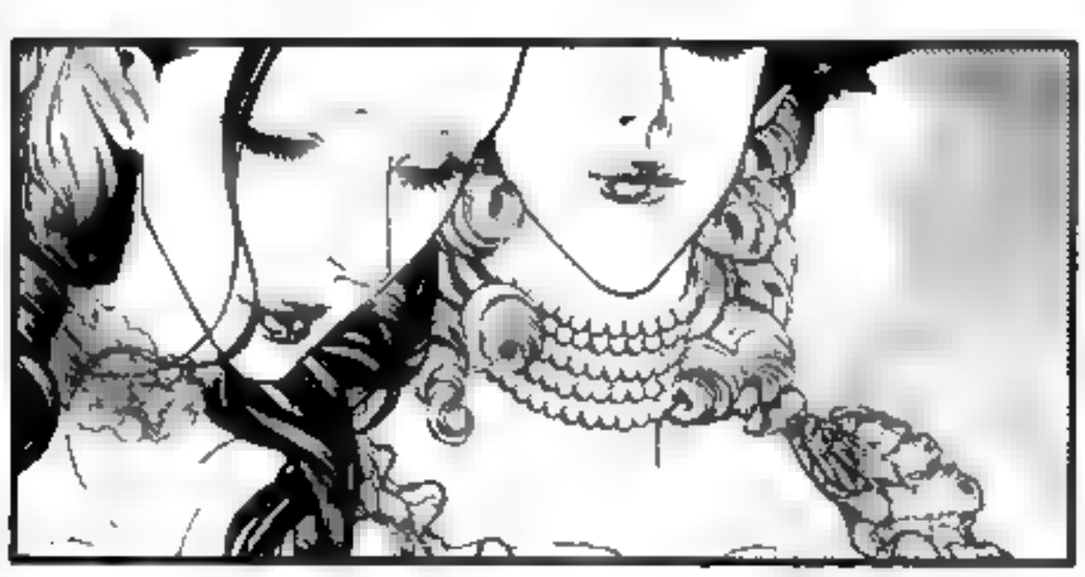
WH... WHY ...?!

WHY IS IT THAT IN FRONT OF THIS MADAME, MY LEGS CRAMP AND I CANNOT MOVE...!!!

JUST LIKE SAINT JEROME, THE ONE SAID TO HAVE TAMED IN AN INSTANT A LION THAT HAD INVADED A CAVE IN A WASTELAND....

PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THE PERSONALITY YOU HAVE THAT HAS TOUCHED HUNDREDS OF LIVES YOU WERE ABLE TO STOP THE YOUNG PRINCESS IN HER TRACKS...?

LORD CHARLES HAS STOPPED PRINCESS ANTOINETTE JUST AS SHE WAS PUSHING HER WAY THROUGH...!!!

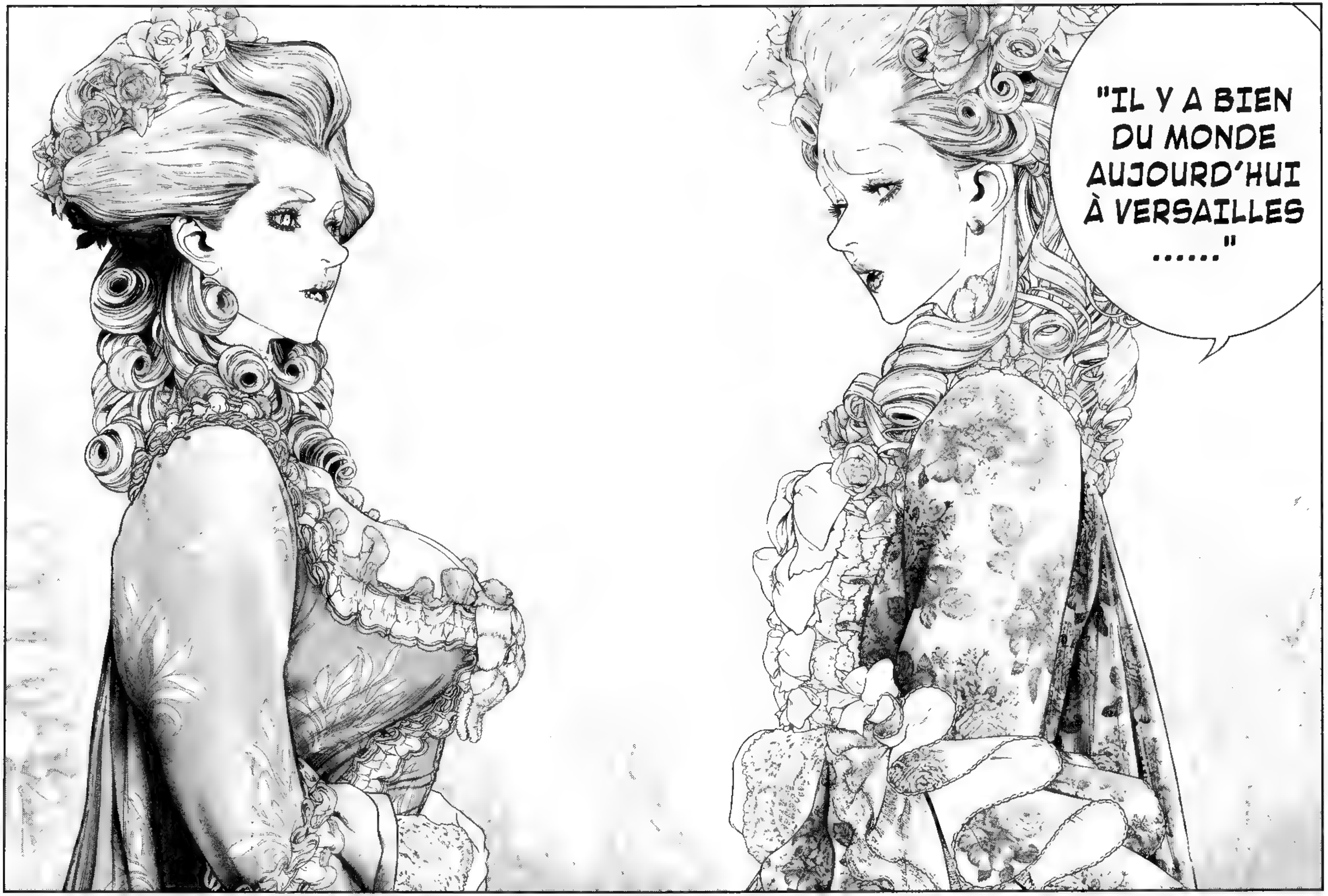




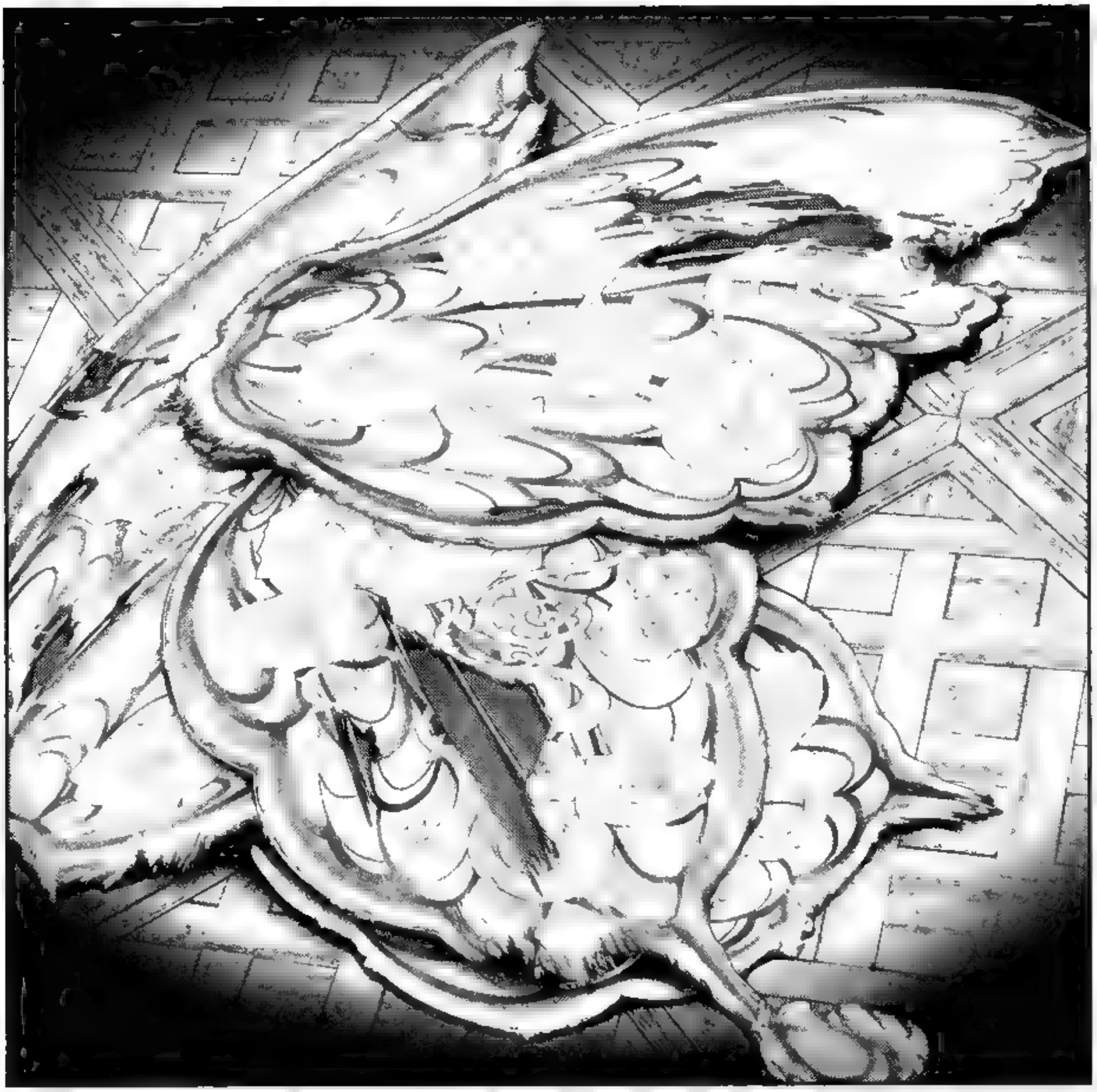


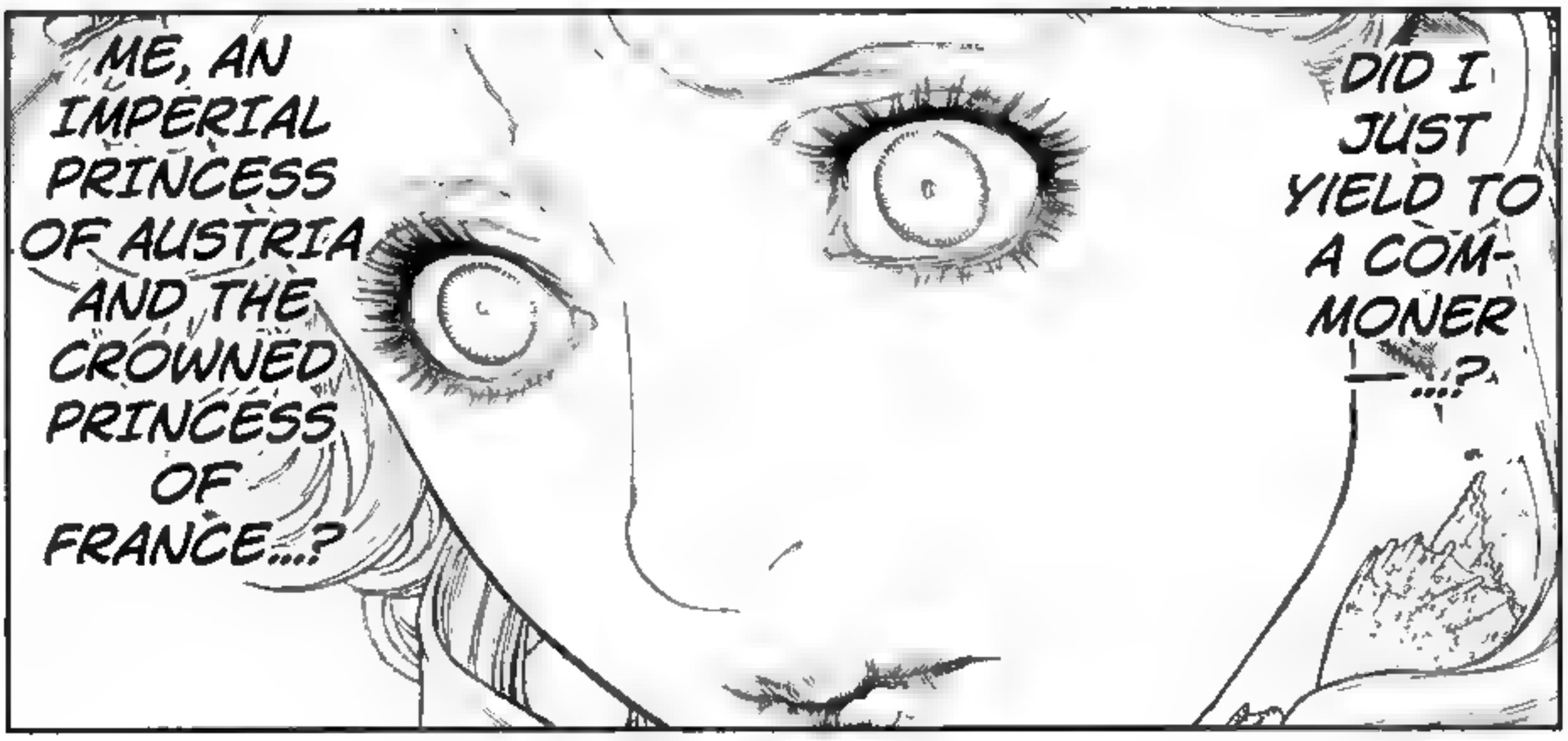


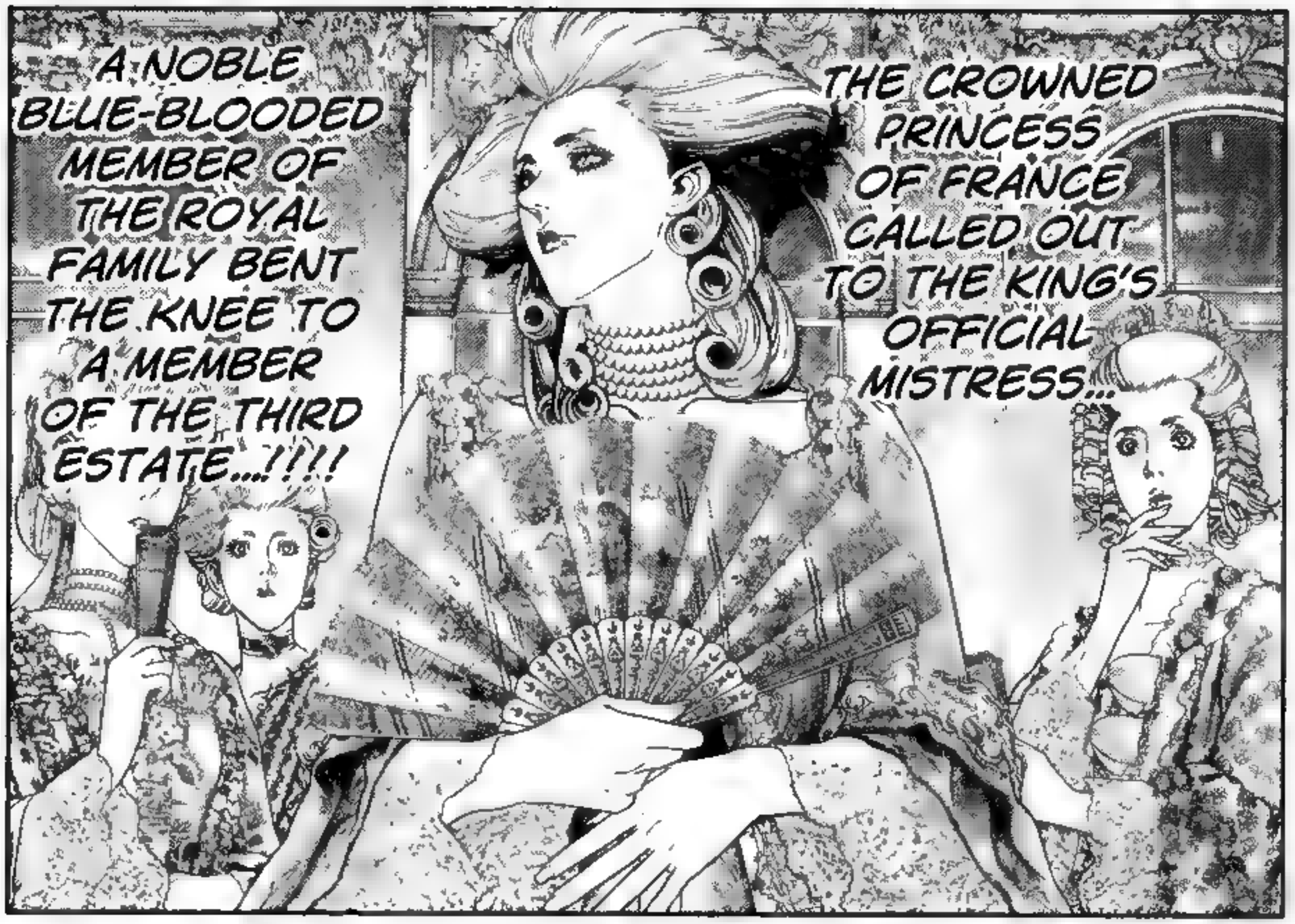
*('There are...')



*("There are many people at Versailles today.....")




ME, AN IMPERIAL PRINCESS OF AUSTRIA AND THE CROWNED PRINCESS OF FRANCE...?
DID I JUST YIELD TO A COM-MONER—...?


A NOBLE BLUE-BLOODED MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY BENT THE KNEE TO A MEMBER OF THE THIRD ESTATE...!!!!
THE CROWNED PRINCESS OF FRANCE CALLED OUT TO THE KING'S OFFICIAL MISTRESS...
I HAD PROMISED MYSELF I WOULD NOT CALL OUT TO HER...!!!
OH, THIS IS SO VERY FRUSTRATING ...!!!
HIS HIGH-NESS ...!!!
WELL DONE, ANTOINETTE!!!

n°94 Innocent World



THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HIS MAJESTY IS THIS HAPPY...

FROM NOW ON,

I HOPE YOU'LL THINK OF ME AS YOUR FRENCH FATHER.

I THOUGHT WAS ABOUT TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO MY HOME COUNTRY,

BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT SEEMS I WILL BE STICKING AROUND FOR QUITE SOME TIME, COUNT MERCY

WELL NOW, I SUPPOSE THAT SETTLES THAT. I SUPPOSE OUR EFFORTS WERE WORTH IT IN THE END, DON'T YOU THINK, COUNTESS NOAILLES?

I MADE EVERYONE SMILE...!!!

WITH JUST ONE SENTENCE,


MOTHER,
IS THIS WHAT BECOMING AN ADULT IS LIKE?


I COULD WRAP THE WORLD IN PEACE LIKE THIS—
I, NEVER CONSIDERED IN THE SLIGHTEST THAT BY, SIMPLY SUFFRESSING MY "EGO".



THIS IS FOR THE BEST, ISN'T IT—...?

IT'S LIKE SHE'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON NOW...

WHAT A CALM EXPRESSION ...

...LORD CHARLES?

JUST LIKE IN THE LEGEND OF SAINT JEROME, HE REMOVED THE THORNE FROM THE PAW OF AN ENRAGED LION SO EASILY...

THAT CHARLES-HENRI SANSON IS A TERRIFYING PERSON...



PEOPLE ALL EVENTUALLY BECOME ADULTS.

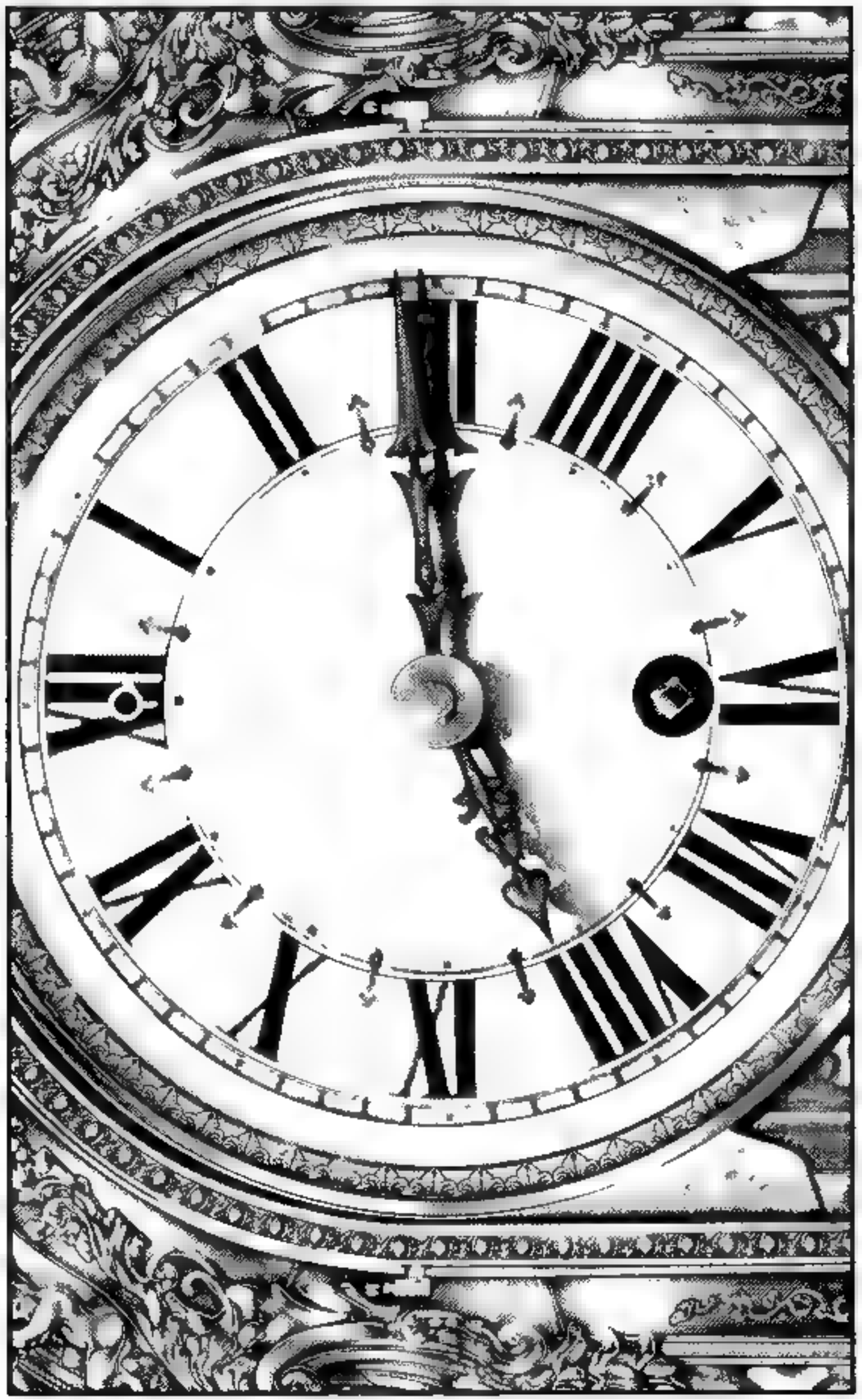
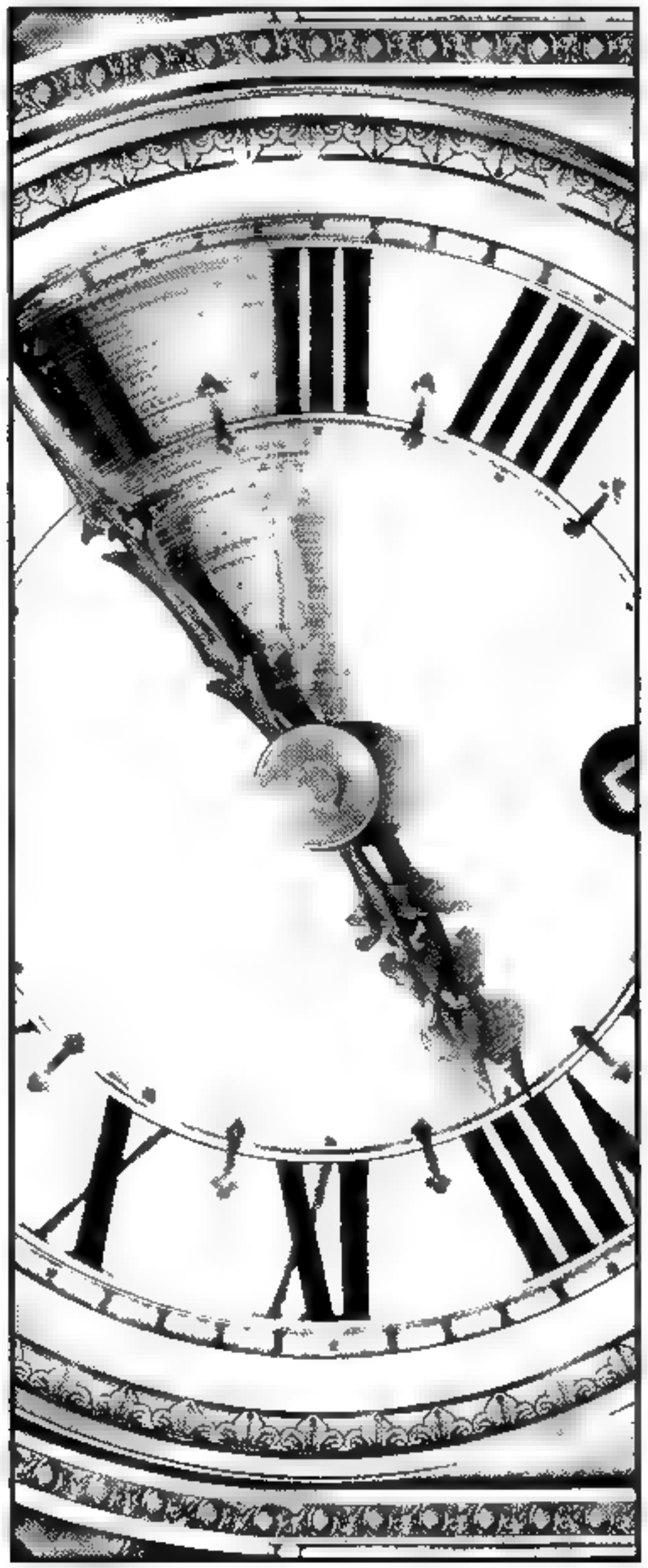
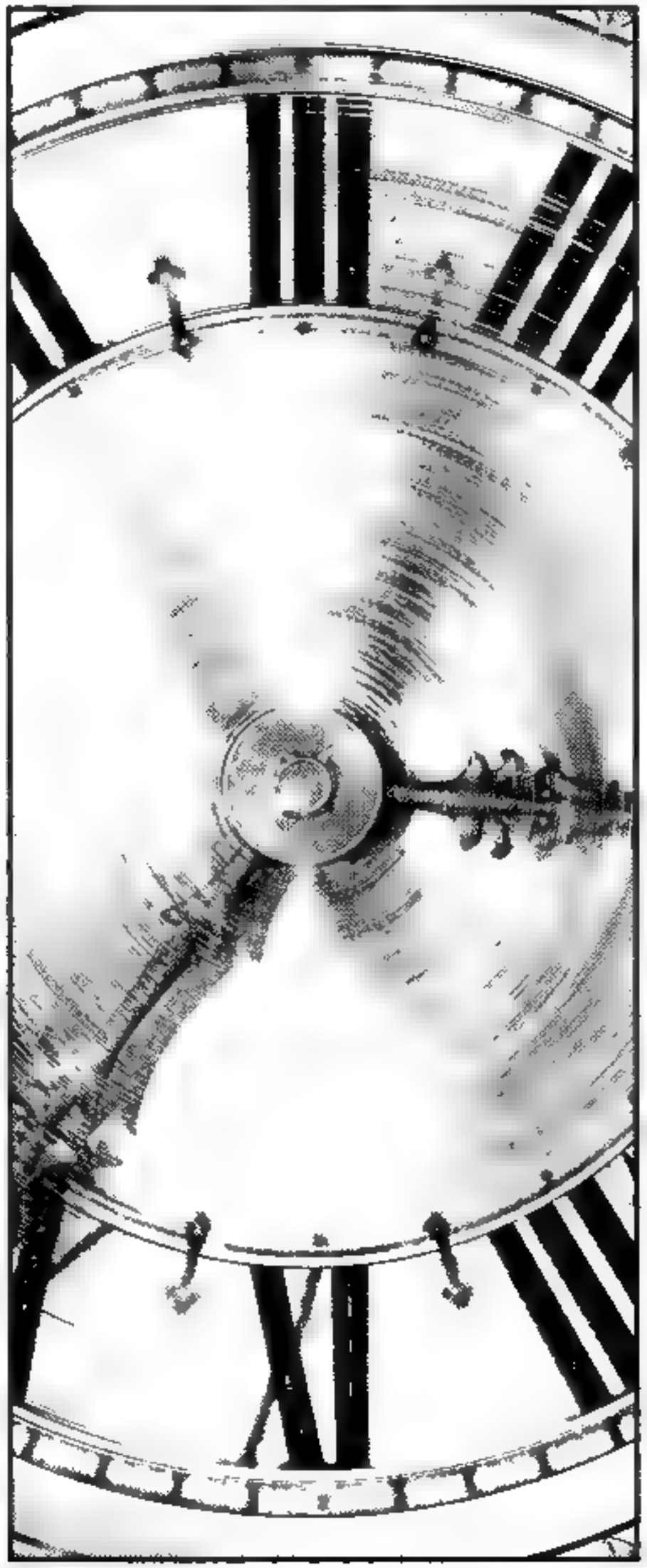
I AM BUT AN ASSISTANT IN SENDING A SIXTEEN YEAR OLD PRINCESS UP THE STAIRWAY TO ADULTHOOD...

HAS OBTAINED THE WEAPON KNOWN AS "GIVING IN"...

TONIGHT, THE CROWNED PRINCESS

BECAUSE KILLING ONE'S FALSE-HOODS

IS THE ONE WAY OF LIVING IN THIS WORLD ...



French Folk Song

Oh! Shall I tell you, Mommy

Ah! Vous dirai-je Maman

Uses the tune of the foreign song

'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'

OH! SHALL I TELL YOU, MOMMY

Ah ! vous dirai-je Maman

WHAT IS TORMENTING ME?

Ce qui cause mon tourment

DADDY WANTS ME TO REASON

papa veut que je raisonne

LIKE A GROWN-UP PERSON.

Comme une grande personne

ME, I SAY
Moi je sais que

THAT SWEETS
les bonbons

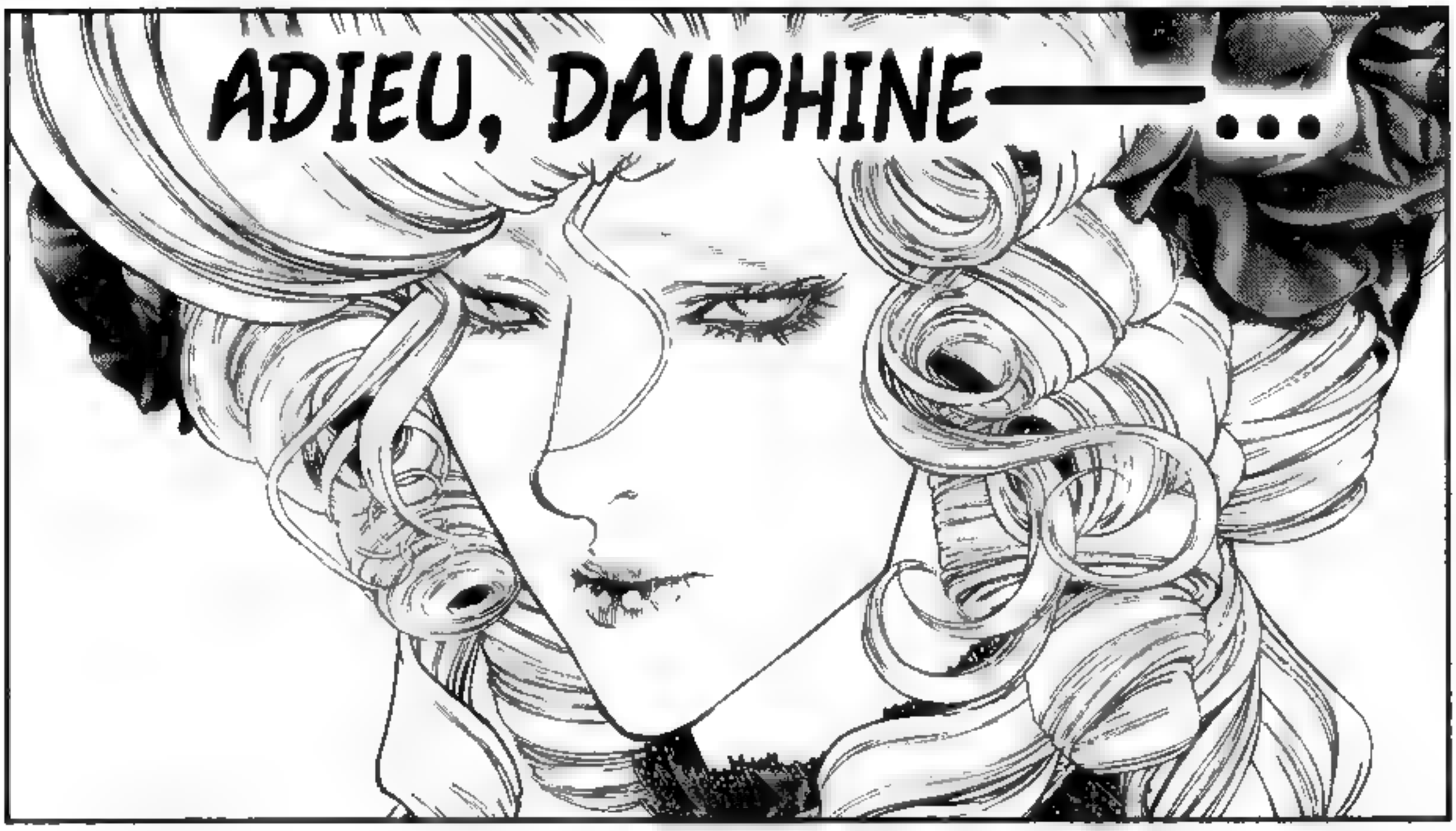
ARE WORTH MORE THAN REASONING.
valent mieux que la raison


SWEETS ARE WORTH
MORE THAN REASONING—...








ADIEU, DAUPHINE——…

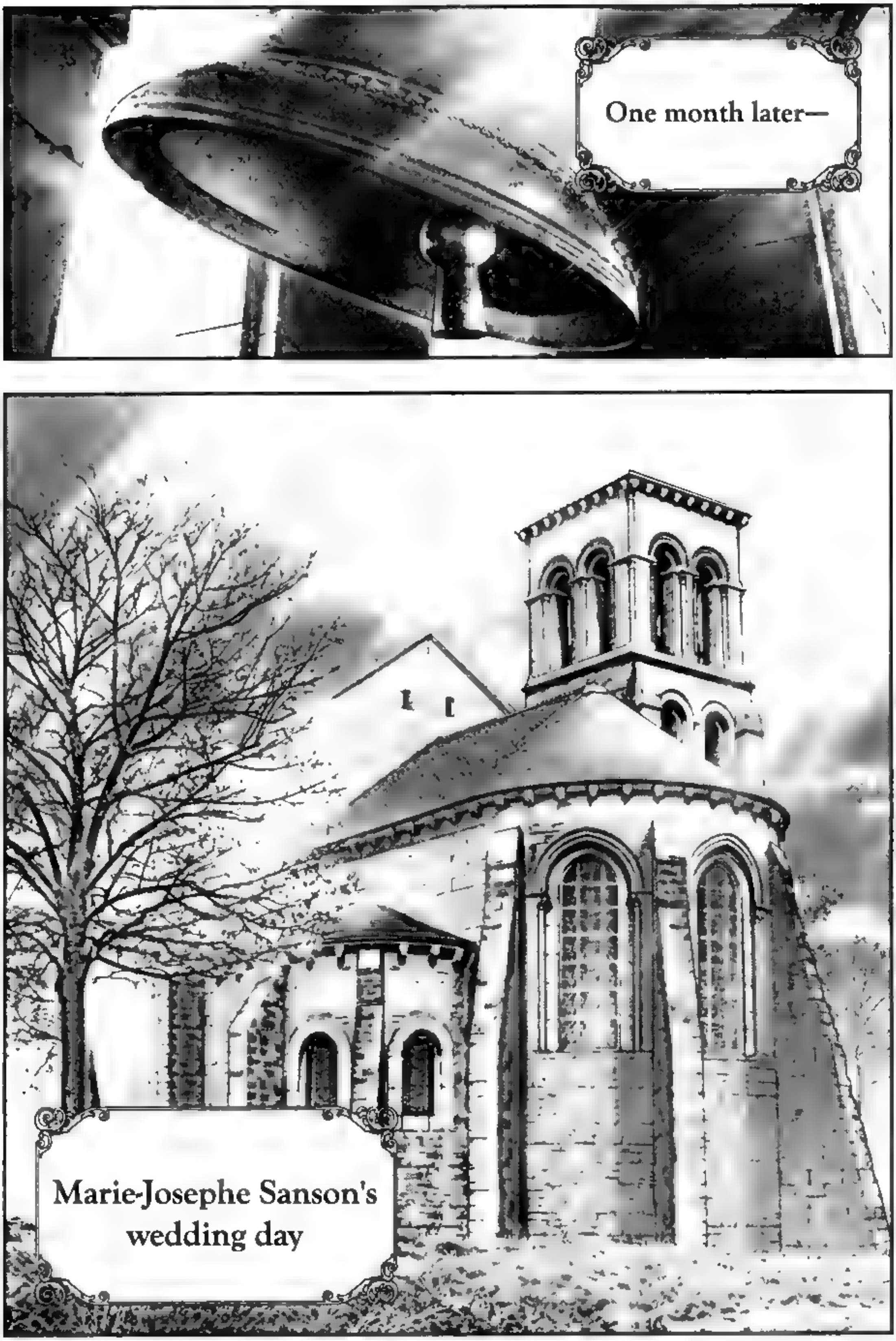
.....MARIE, IT SEEMS YOU'VE GROWN YOUR HAIR OUT QUITE A BIT.

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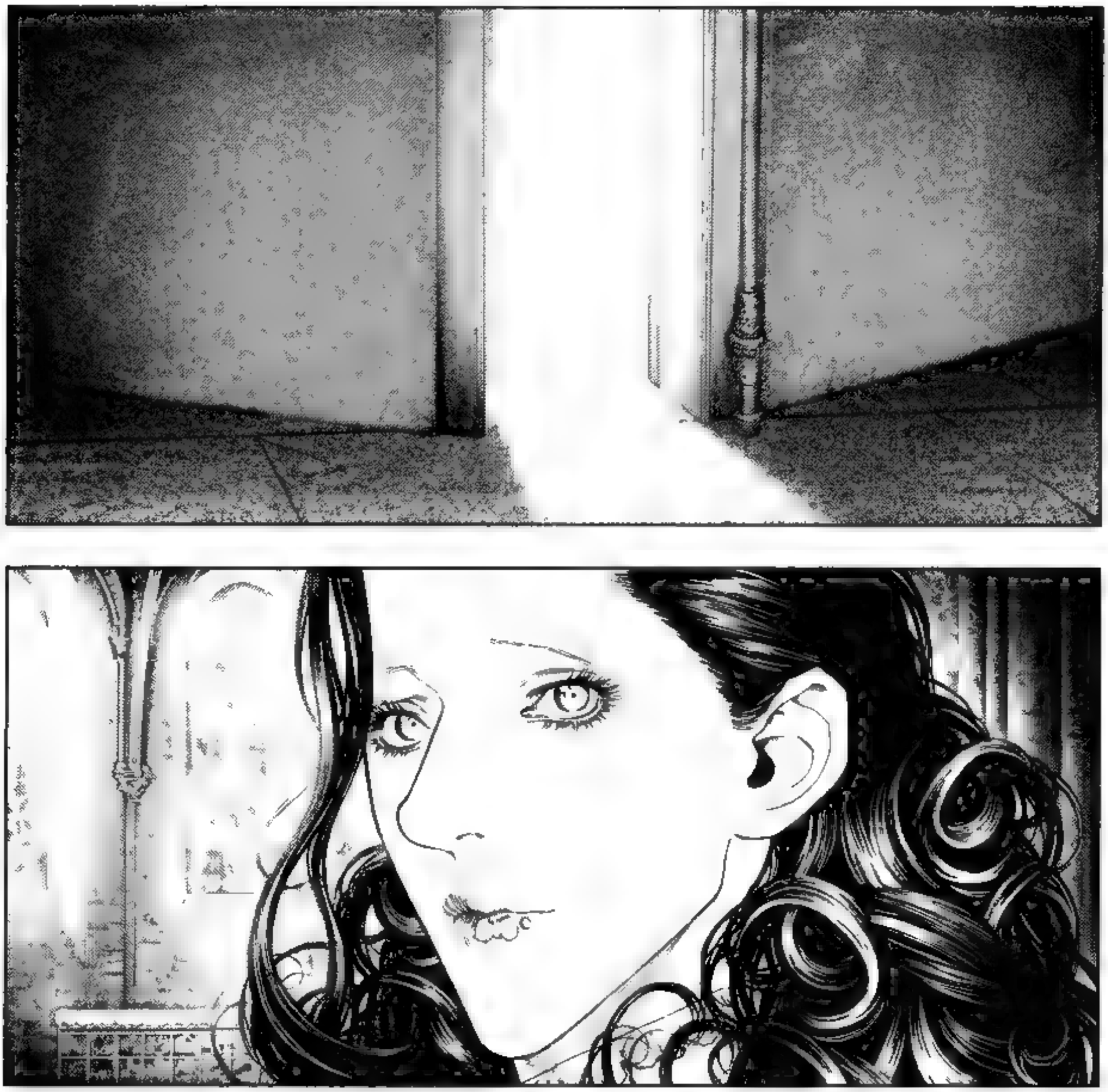
THE DATE OF YOUR WEDDING HAS BEEN DECIDED.

THIS SPRING, AS MADAME GASPARD,

YOU WILL FINALLY JOIN THE RANKS OF ADULTS.


One month later—
Marie-Josephe Sanson's
wedding day

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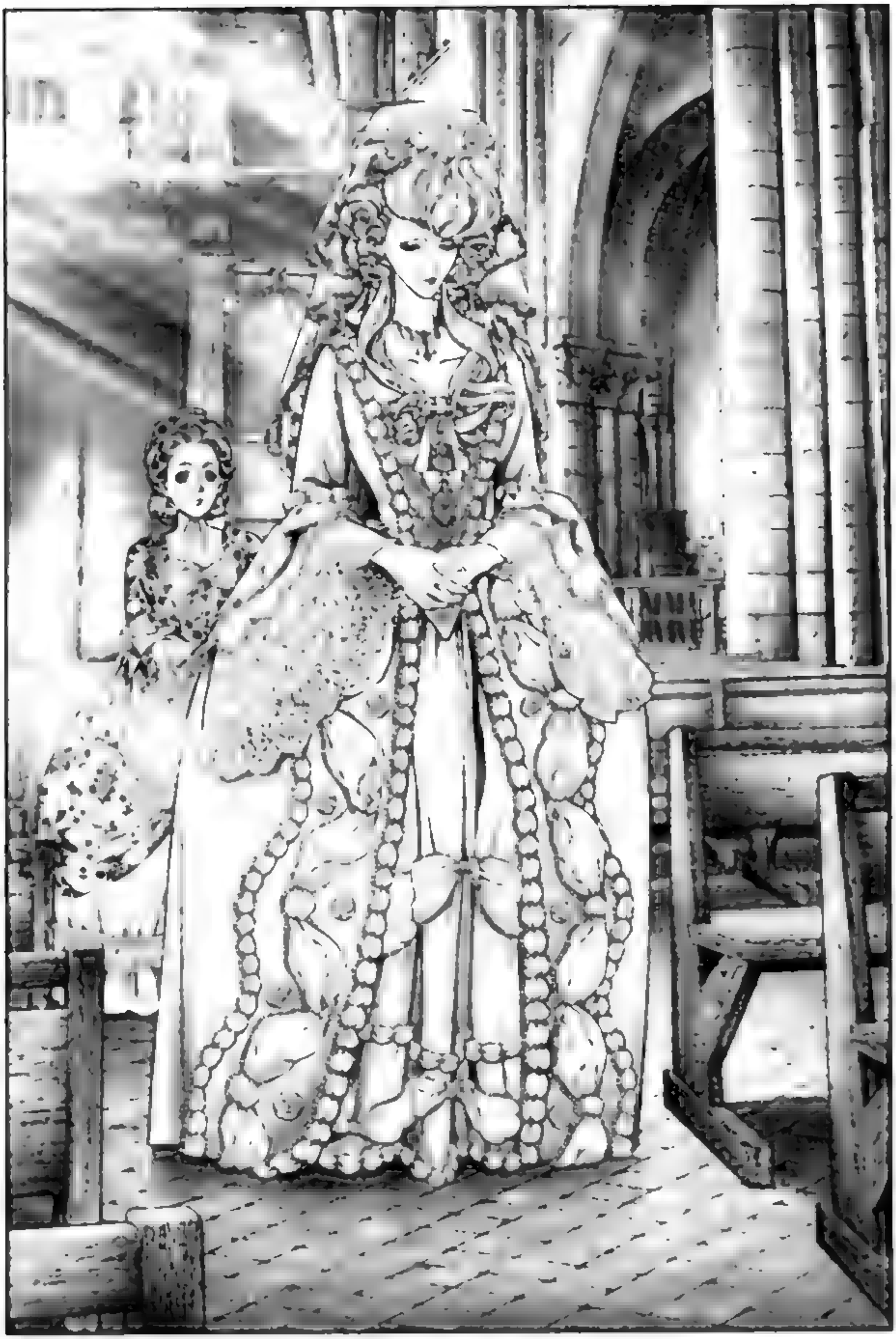






n°95 Petite Marie's Marriage





PLEASE, WAIT!!!

!!?

YOU LOOK LOVELY, MY SISTER. THAT PURE WHITE DRESS WE ORDERED FOR THIS DAY TRULY SUITS YOU.

ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT ATTEND DUE TO ILLNESS,

FATHER WOULD SURELY BE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU IN IT...

I, ANDRE LEGRIS,

OBJECT TO THE MARRIAGE OF LADY MARIE-JOSEPHE SANSON AND LORD GASPARD SANSON!!!

LORD CHARLES-HENRI, PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE!!!

A-ANDRE, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!

YOU ARE A SERVANT... KNOW YOUR PLACE!!!

...WH-

WHAT...?!!

IT'S BEEN QUITE SOME TIME, CHARLES-HENRI...

!!!

1772
Le 14 janvier
Le jeune marié
La jeune mariée
Jean Louis
Marie Jos
Nicolas Sanson

THIS IS A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE STATING THAT MARIE-JOSEPHE

IS TO BE WED TO MY UNCLE, NICOLAS SANSON'S, SON, JEAN LOUIS....?!!

AND IT'S ALREADY SIGNED BY UNCLE AND THE TWO OF THEM...!!!

MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES TO LORD GASPARD,

BUT AS HIS FATHER, I WANT TO RESPECT THE LOVE BETWEEN THOSE TWO.

U-UNCLE NICOLAS ...?!!

NOW THEN, CHARLES-HENRI,

YOU'LL FIND ALL THE SIGNATURES ARE IN ORDER.

ALL THAT REMAINS IS YOUR SIGNATURE AND THE MARRIAGE WILL BE OFFICIAL!!!

Nicolas-Gabriel Sanson

Younger brother of the 3rd head of the Sanson Family, Baptiste.

Due to the mental anguish he suffered from the Écartèlement of Damiens in 1757, he became a monk.

※ See Volume (4)

WHA...?!!

THAT IS WHY I ASKED ANDRE LEGRIS TO COME HERE TODAY IN HIS STEAD.

MY SON, JEAN LOUIS,

HAS BAD LEGS, SO HE IS CONFINED TO OUR MANSION ——

JEAN LOUIS IS WAITING IN ANTICIPATION FOR MARIE-JOSEPHE

TO MARRY INTO THE NICOLAS SANSON FAMILY...!!!

PLEASE, ALLOW MY SON TO REALIZE HIS LOVE!!!

MORE CHOCOLAT...

COUSIN "BOTTOMLESS SWAMP" JEAN LOUIS...?!

JEAN LOUIS...

DEAR BROTHER.

PLEASE FORGIVE ME,

MARIE TRULY LOVES LORD JEAN LOUIS.

WON'T YOU LET US MARRY?

.....

HAS GASPARD STILL NOT YET ARRIVED?!!

GASPARD!!!

MONSIEUR GASPARD, WHO WAS TRAVELING ALONE FROM GRENOBLE FOR THE WEDDING, LEFT AN INN JUST OUTSIDE PARIS EARLY THIS MORNING

AND HAS SINCE GONE MISSING...?!

LORD CHARLES... YOU SEE... LORD GASPARD IS...

WH... WHAT DID YOU SAY...?!!

GASPARD SANSON !!!!!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE AN HONEST MAN, BUT PERHAPS I WAS MISTAKEN IN THAT JUDGEMENT...

THE BRIDEGROOM FLED...?!

PU HU ...

WHAT AN AWFUL MAN...

DID HE GET INTIMIDATED ABOUT MARRYING SUCH A BRAVE WOMAN...?!

PLEASE NOW, ACCEPT THEIR TRUE LOVE AND SIGN THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE !!!

NOW THEN, CHARLES, IF THE BRIDEGROOM IS ABSENT, THEN I SEE LITTLE RECOURSE.

DO YOU WISH FOR MARIE-JOSEPHE TO BE RIDICULED FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE AS A WOMAN WHOSE MAN RAN OUT ON HER AT THE ALTAR...?

KUH ...

I WOULD NEVER BELIEVE FOR AN INSTANT THAT MARIE FOSTERS ANY LOVE FOR THAT "BOTTOMLESS SWAMP"...

BUT IF MARIE HAS MADE THE DECISION TO LEAVE HER JOB, GROW OUT HER HAIR, AND ENTER A FAMILY...

THEN AS HER OLDER BROTHER, I WANT TO SYMPATHIZE WITH THOSE FEELINGS..

MARIE JUST HAS ONE THING SHE WOULD LIKE TO REPORT ...

THANK YOU, BIG BROTHER...

VERY WELL... I WISH YOUR LOVE TO BE EVERLASTING —— !!!

Jeanne Marie

Charles Henri Sanson

JEANNE LOUIS IS A TRULY BIG-HEARTED MAN.

HERE YA GO!

MARIE IS GOING TO GO TO WORK TO GET YOU MORE DELICIOUS THINGS TO GORGE YOURSELF ON.

HE'S SAID I CAN CONTINUE BEING PREVOTE DE L'HOTEL AFTER WE MARRY IF I WANT.

MAH CUTE LI'L MARY!!!

AAH,

MARIE DID IT!

WHA...?!!!

ANDRE!!

M'AM!

THAT HAIR...

YOU DIDN'T GROW IT OUT...?!

NOW THEN, DEAR ELDER BROTHER, MARIE HAS BECOME A FINE WED 'ADULT'—

SHE WILL NO LONGER BE LISTENING TO HER ELDER BROTHER'S INSTRUCTIONS.

SHE WILL NOW BE WEARING THE CLOTHES SHE LIKES, PUTTING HER HAIR HOW SHE LIKES, AND DOING THE JOB SHE LIKES JUST AS SHE ALWAYS HAS.

IF BECOMING SOMEONE'S WIFE IS THE ONLY FREEDOM A WOMAN IS GIVEN,

THEN IRONIC AS IT MAY BE, THIS IS THE ONLY MEASURE THERE IS TO TAKE...

THIS IS THE FIRST STEP...

LORD MARIE, UNTIL THE DAY I, ANDRE, CAN GET YOU YOUR TRUE FREEDOM

I WILL GO THROUGH ANY LENGTHS TO PROTECT YOU!!!

I WAS A BIT SURPRISED WHEN I HEARD MARIE-JOSEPHE'S PROPOSITION,

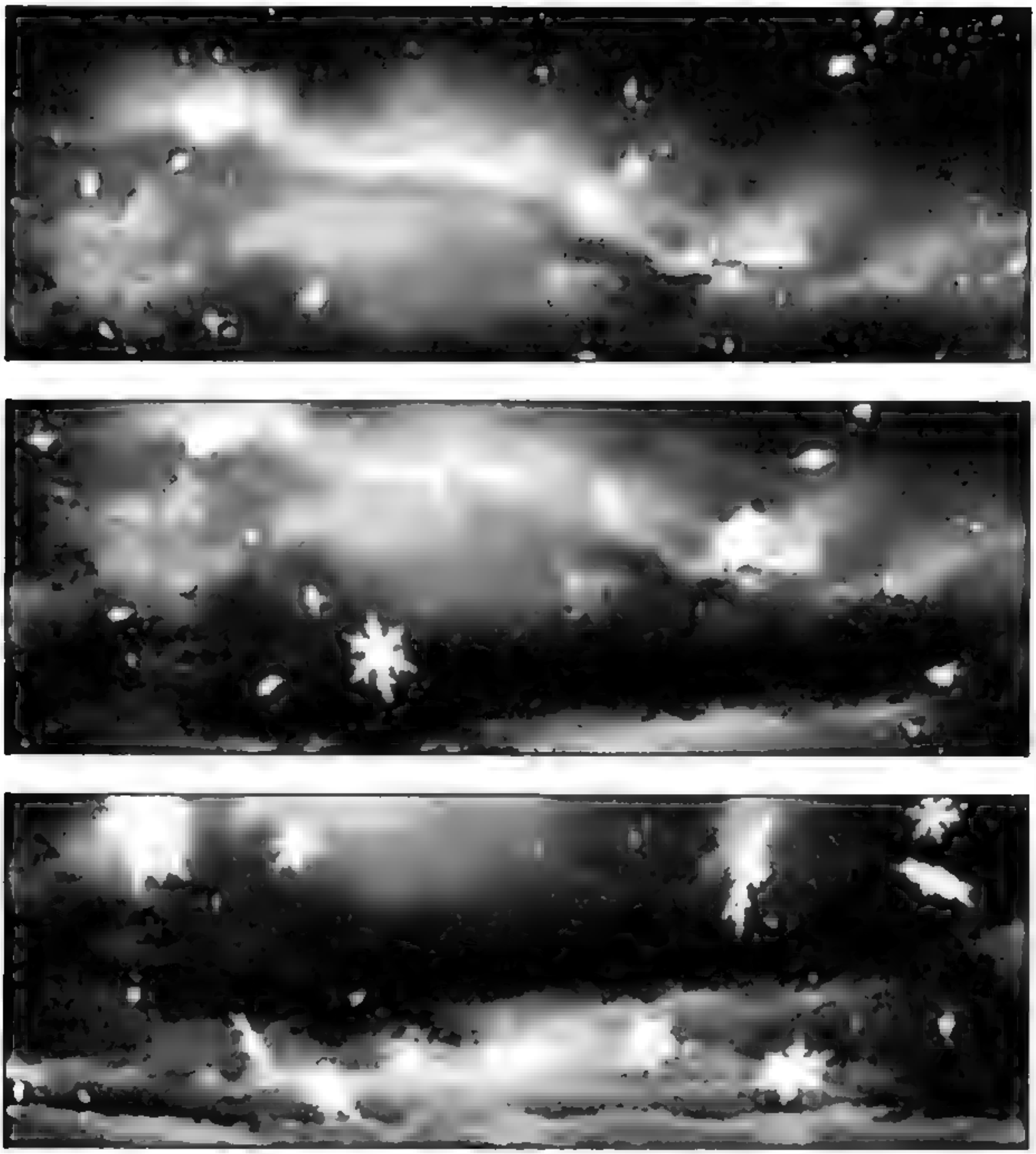
BUT IF SHE MARRIES MY SON, THAT WILL MEAN THE TITLE OF PREVOTE DE L'HOTEL WILL ONCE AGAIN FALL INTO MY HANDS AND FAMILY WILL HAVE A STABLE INCOME.

Early that morning, surprising quite a number of Parisians,

there was a large naked man strapped to a muscular Greek statue adorning the side of a bridge of the Seine.

was a good snack-time topic of discussion for Parisian children for quite some time.

And the mystery of the drawn-on mustache on the man's upper lip




February
1772
The Palace
of Versailles










IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOU'LL BE JUMPING OUT THAT WINDOW AGAIN.
YOU'VE BECOME QUITE DISTANT, DAUPHINE.

TONIGHT'S BALL IS THE WELCOMING PARTY FOR THE ADMIRAL THAT WAS SENT TO SUBJUGATE PIRATES IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA.

THERE MAY BE THOSE THAT WILL TAKE THIS CHANCE TO REALLY CUT LOOSE IN THEIR MOTHERLAND AFTER A LONG TIME AWAY. BE ON HIGH ALERT.

PREVOTE DE L'HOTEL, LORD MARIE-JOSEPHE SANSON.

THERE IS NOTHING TO REPORT FROM SECURITY AT THE NORTHERN WING.

YES, M'AM.


MADEMOISELLE, WOULD YOU BEQUEATH TO ME THIS RIBON?
I WILL HAVE DIRE NEED OF IT IN THE FUTURE.
MY NAME IS...

WHA...?!!

KIKI!

H-HOLD IT!!!

RETURN MARIE'S TRICORNE!!!

IF I DON'T END THIS QUICK, I WON'T GET ANY MONEY...

THEY HAVE SO MUCH, COULDN'T I JUST HAVE A LITTLE...?

I'M SO HUNGRY...

HAAAH.

!!!

WOAH, THERE!!!

AND THE OVEN CLEANERS ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST!

GYAHA HAHAHA HAHA!

SORRY, BUT EVEN SERVANTS HAVE A PECKING ORDER.

KIKIKI!

THESE LEFTOVERS BELONG TO US CHEFS.

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU OVEN CLEANERS!!

HEY, YOU MUST BE COLD.

COME ON INSIDE...

AW, HOW CUTE

A SNOW-WHITE MONKEY.

IT LOOKS LIKE A SNOW SPRITE.

KIKIKIKI!

THANK YOU!

IS IT OKAY IF I BRING IT TO MY SICK MOTHER AND LITTLE BROTHER WAITING FOR ME AT HOME?

HUH?

YOU'RE GIVING SUCH A FEAST TO ME?

KIKIKI!

I'VE NEVER SEEN BREAD LIKE THIS BEFORE!

WHAT FLUFFY BREAD!

!!?

ANYTHING YOU PEOPLE TOUCH IS NOT EVEN FIT FOR BEING DOGFOOD!!!

HEY, GIRL.

WHERE DID YOU PILFER THIS HIGH-QUALITY BREAD FROM?!

THERE ISN'T A SINGLE SCRAP OF BREAD FOR YOU POOR FOLK TO EAT ANYWHERE HERE IN VERSAILLES!!!

AH...

I'VE EATEN ALL KINDS OF MEAT, BUT I'VE YET TO TRY MONKEY MEAT.

HM, SHALL I SKEWER IT OR ROAST IT WHOLE...?!!!

KIH!

KIKI KIH!

WHAT IS WITH THIS MONKEY?

MIGHT IT BE A NEW INGREDIENT ?

AND I'D PREFER YOU NOT TALK SO CASUALLY ABOUT EATING HIM.

HE IS MY PARTNER

BLANKA!!!

KIKIH!

GOOD GRACIOUS. IT SEEMS YOU ARISTOCRATS ARE NEVER SATISFIED UNTIL YOU HAVE EVERYTHING FOR YOURSELVES...

YOU SHOVE YOUR HEAD INTO THE FEED TROUGH WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE, LIKE A WHITE PIG.

THIS FOOD IS FOR YOU, THE ONE THAT WORKED SO HARD EVEN THOUGH THEY DID NOT EVEN GET TO SEE THE AMAZING PARTY.

CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEE AND TASTE WONDERFUL THINGS FOR THE SAKE OF THE FUTURE.

MY APOLOGIES, MADEMOISELLE.

I WAS SHORTSIGHTED TO THINK THAT THE FOOD WOULD BE AN EASY TASK FOR BLANKA TO GET...

FOR SOMEONE OF MIXED BLOOD SUCH AS YOURSELF TO OPPOSE ME, FRIEND OF MADAME DU BARRY, COUNT DE LUXE, YOU MUST BE QUITE A DARING MAN...!!!

WHO ARE YOU, SCOUNDREL? WHAT IMPERTINENCE FOR A *"CAFÉ AU LAIT".

※ A discriminatory term for an individual with mixed race.

YOU DO NOT SEEM TO BE AWARE OF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES ...

I HAVE ALREADY DRAWN MY SWORD.

MADEMOISELLE,

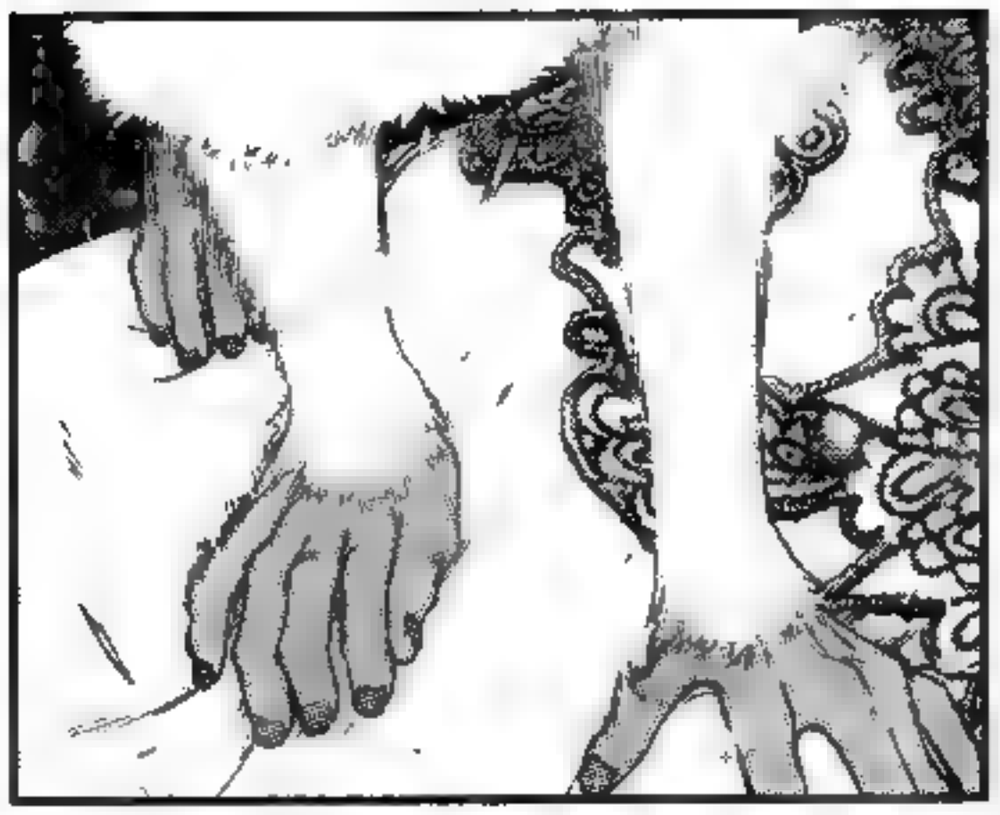
PLEASE STAND BACK.

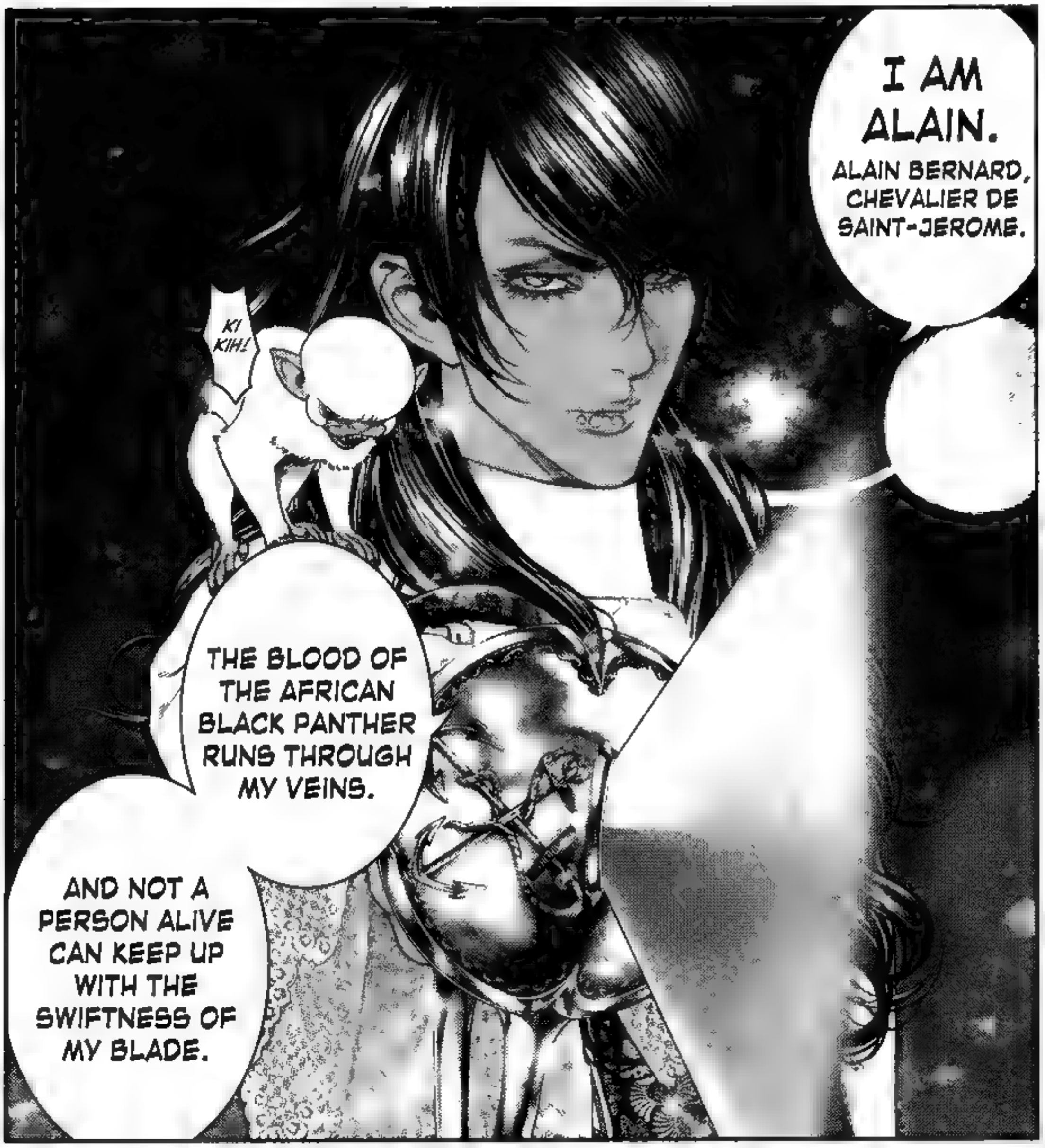
IF YOU STILL HAVE NOT DRAWN YOUR SWORD AT THIS RANGE ALL HOPE FOR YOUR VICTORY IS LOST!!!

YOU'LL HAVE TO REPENT IN HELL!!!




YOU'RE FAST...




I AM ALAIN.
ALAIN BERNARD, CHEVALIER DE SAINT-JEROME.
KI KIH!
THE BLOOD OF THE AFRICAN BLACK PANTHER RUNS THROUGH MY VEINS.
AND NOT A PERSON ALIVE CAN KEEP UP WITH THE SWIFTNESS OF MY BLADE.

May 1759

Behind Paris City Hall

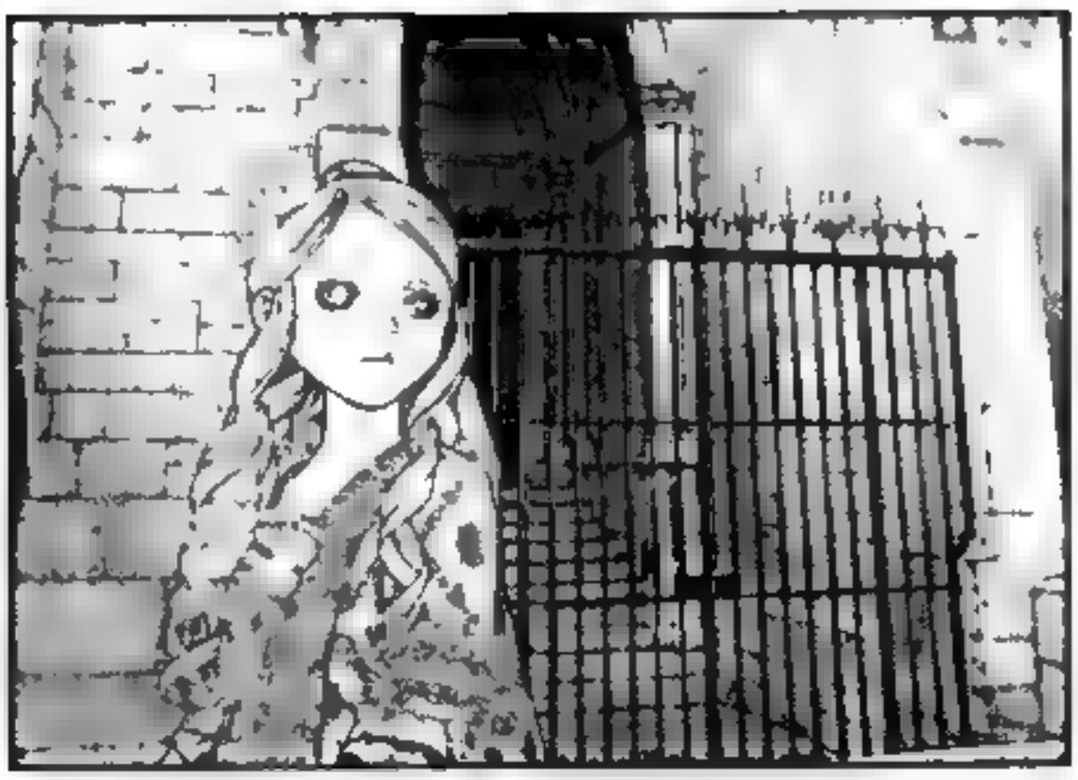
St. Gervais Church

NOW THEN, MARIE, OFFER A PRAYER.

THIS IS A GRAVE FOR THE SUICIDES, HERETICS,

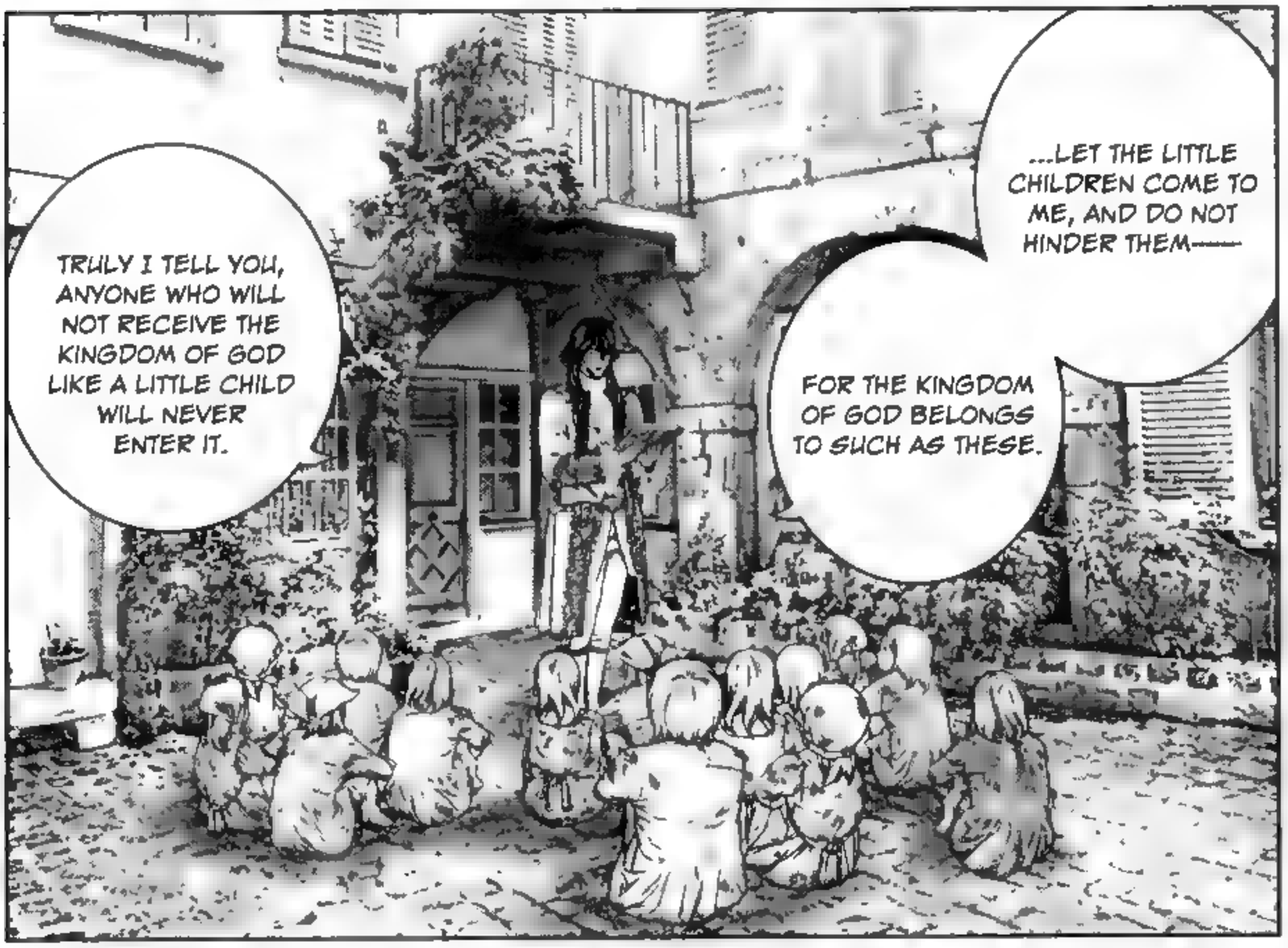
AND THE PEOPLE THAT WERE EXECUTED, THE PEOPLE THAT CANNOT BE TAKEN IN BY A NORMAL CHURCH.

GUARDING OVER THE RESTFUL SLEEP OF THOSE THAT WE TOOK OUR BLADES TO IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT DUTY OF THE SANSON FAMILY.









From 'The Gospel of Mark 10:14-16'.

WAAH! IT'S BREAD!

BREAD!

I HAVEN'T EATEN ANY IN MONTHS!

.....THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY.

TODAY IS THE THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION,

SO I BROUGHT A PRESENT FOR ALL OF YOU.

NOW, EVERYONE GET IN LINE.

DON'T PUSH! THERE'S ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE.

AND THE LAST ONE IS FOR YOU...

WAA! IT HAS A RIBBON ON IT!

HERE YOU ARE.

MERCI, ALAIN!!

THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE PRESENTS!

I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH RIBBONS, SO A KIND MADEMOISELLE GAVE THAT TO ME AS A FAVOR.

AREN'T YOU GLAD, CHRISTINE?!!

WAH! ONLY MINE... HAS THIS VERY BEAUTIFUL RIBBON?!!

MERCI, ALAIN!!!



I'VE NEVER SEEN A RIBBON THAT GLISTENS SO BEAUTIFULLY...

THIEF.

I'M GONNA TAKE A NICE CAREFUL LOOK AT IT OVER THERE!!!

SORRY, MARIE.

BUT IT MADE HER SO HAPPY.

MARIE DOESN'T CARE! GIVE IT BACK!!

THAT'S MARIE'S RIBBON.

GIVE IT BACK.

YOU HAVE LOTS OF THEM, DON'T YOU? BUT JUST ONE OF THEM

HAS OPENED A NEW DOOR FOR HER...

PLEASE, LOOK. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE, THAT ORPHAN GIRL

IS GETTING TO TOUCH A HIGH-QUALITY SILK RIBBON LIKE THAT. SHE'S JUST REALIZED THAT THERE'S A WHOLE WORLD OUT THERE SHE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT.

SO WHAT?

...OK. I PROMISE I'LL GIVE IT BACK.

MARIE DOESN'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THAT RIBBON,

BUT MARIE HAS NO REASON TO MAKE THAT GIRL HAPPY.

THAT PISSES MARIE OFF.

HUH?

NO, 20 YEARS, WOULD YOU?

BUT I'LL NEED YOU TO WAIT 10...

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AND IF THAT HAPPENS, THIS COUNTRY WILL BECOME PLENTIFUL. AND IN THE FUTURE, AN EVEN MORE MAGNIFICENT RIBBON WILL FIND ITS WAY TO YOUR HANDS.

THE CHILDREN OF THAT ORPHANAGE ARE POOR AND HAVE NOTHING RIGHT NOW,

BUT HOPE AND DREAMS WILL CHANGE THEM.

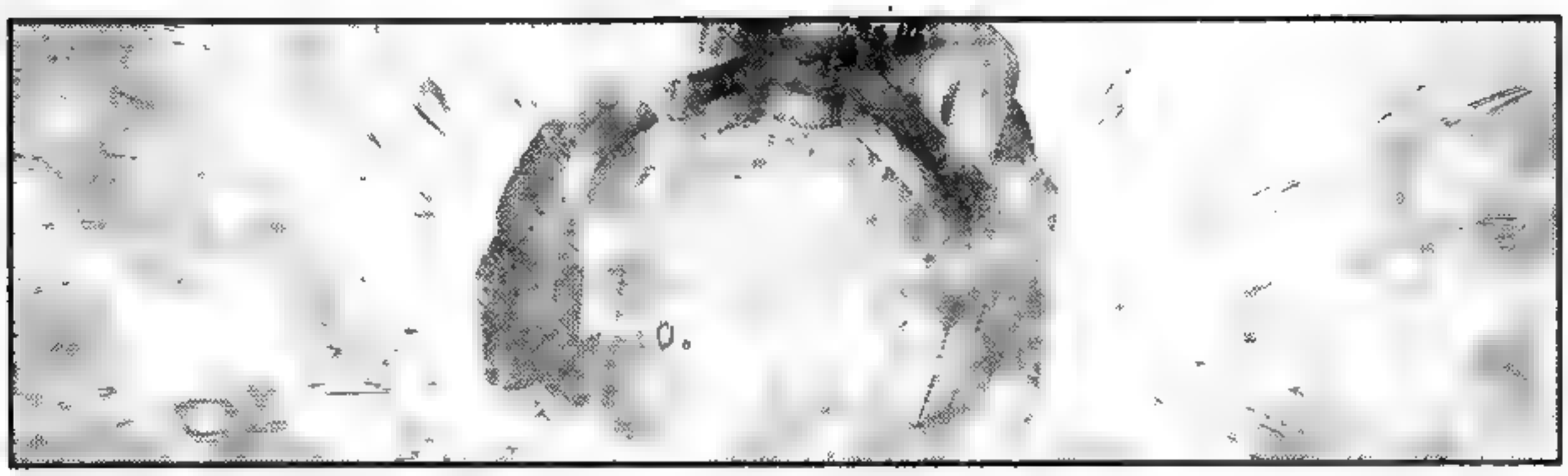
MONEY AND PROPERTY MAY GET STOLEN OR LOST, BUT NO ONE CAN TAKE THE DREAMS AND HOPE THAT BURN IN YOUR HEART.

IT IS THE CHILDREN THAT WILL CHANGE THIS COUNTRY'S FUTURE.

BOYS, GIRLS, ALL OF THEM HAVE THAT POWER.

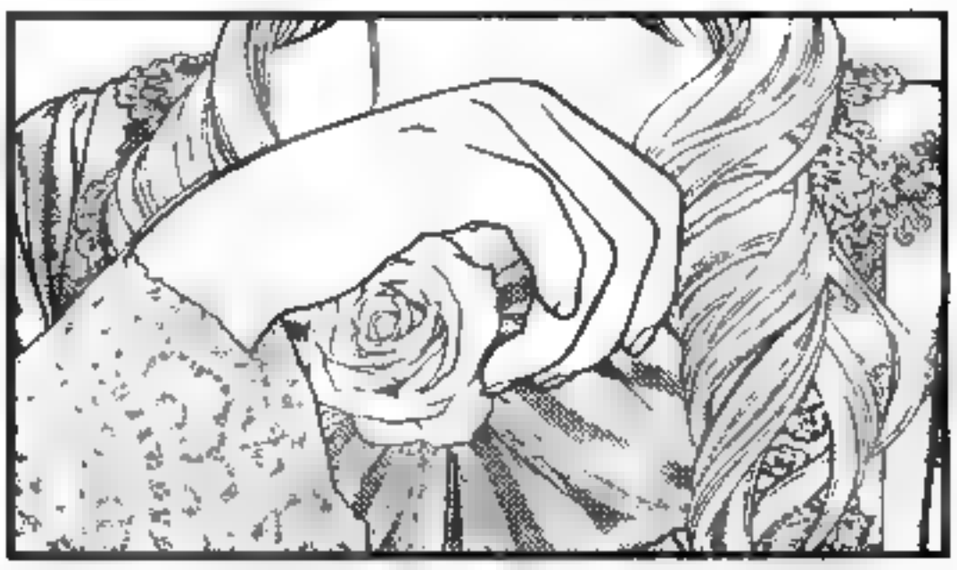
I'M CERTAIN YOUR DREAM WILL COME TRUE AS WELL,

MADEMOISELLE SANSON.




MARIE, WOMEN ARE NOT PEOPLE!!!
WITHOUT A MAN, THEY CANNOT LIVE IN THIS WORLD! THEY ARE BELOW LIVESTOCK!
AND IF YOU CANNOT UNDERSTAND THAT, YOU CANNOT LIVE IN THIS WORLD!!!


THIS SUCKS...





(Marie's first love)

Y-YOU SURE ARE ACTING HIGH AND MIGHTY FOR A CAFÈ AU LAIT....!!!

DO NOT BELITTLE OUR POWER!!!

!!!

YOU SURPRISED ME... IS THAT YOU, MARIE?!!

YOU CAME BACK, ALAIN...?

MARIE-JOSEPHE SANSON?!!!

HOIST THE SAIL!

WE'RE SHIPPING OUT!!!

TO DO THAT, I'LL HAVE TO SEE THE WORLD WITH MY OWN EYES.

FAREWELL, MARIE.

I PROMISE I'LL COME BACK WITH A PLAN TO BRING HAPPINESS TO CHILDREN ALL ACROSS FRANCE.

I SWEAR I'LL MAKE MY DREAM COME TRUE, TOO.

ADIEU, ALAIN.

ALAIN.

ADIEU, MARIE.

TAKE CARE...

WHOSE DREAM COMES TRUE FIRST—...

LET'S MAKE IT A RACE TO SEE

BUT LISTEN TO ME, MARIE...

MARIE-JOSEPHE, SEEING YOU WITH THAT APPEARANCE,

MAKES ME THINK I MUST HAVE LOST OUR RACE.

I HAVE ARRANGED A PLAN TO OPEN A SCHOOL

THAT WILL ACCEPT ANY CHILDREN IN PARIS.

FRANCE IS GOING TO CHANGE, MARIE!!!

I MUST HAVE YOU FOR THE FIRST GENERATION OF STUDENTS AT MY SCHOOL,

"SCHOOL"?

MADEMOISELLE.

IT SEEMS BLANKA IS EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO YOU AS WELL!

KIKIH!

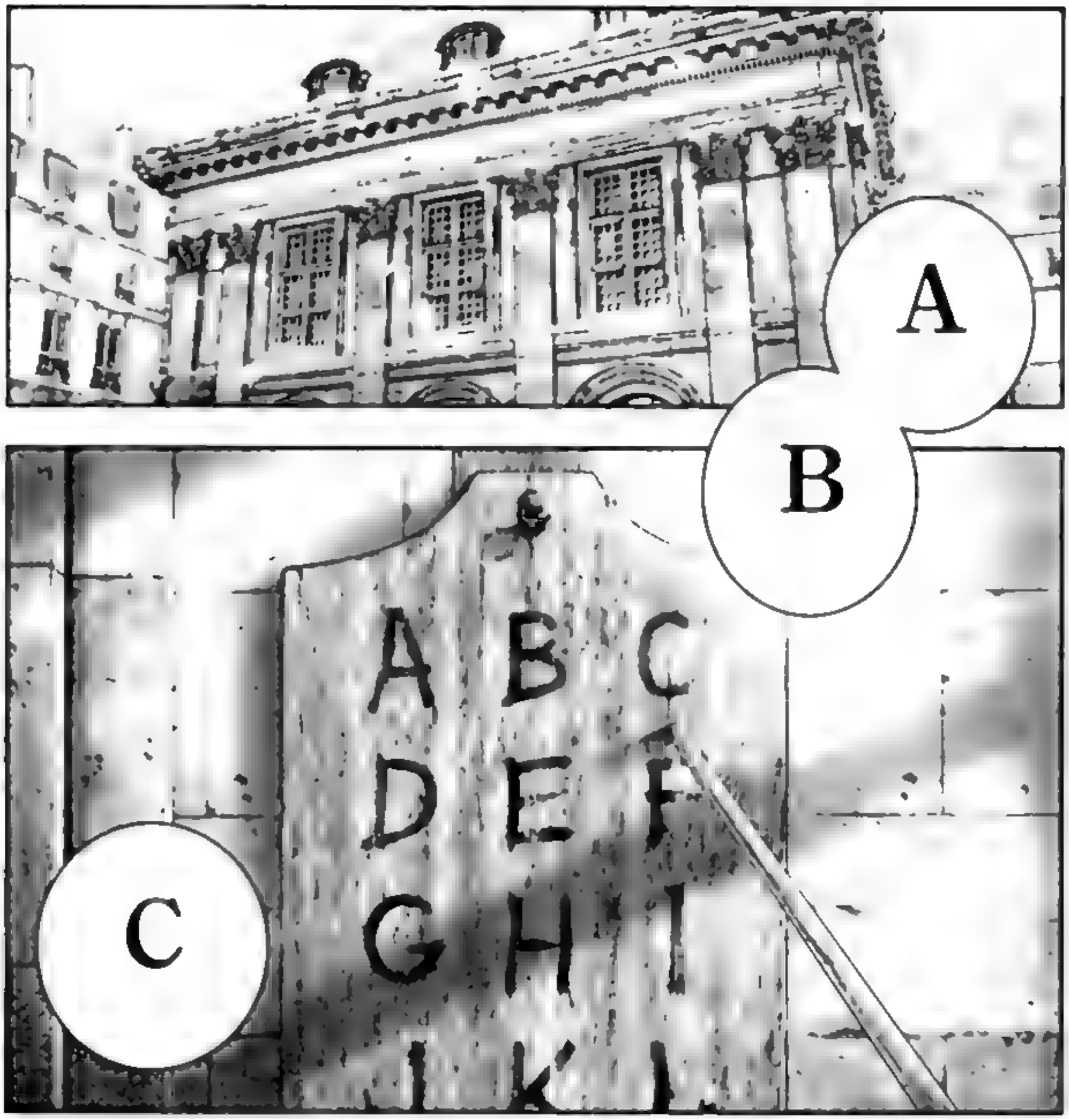
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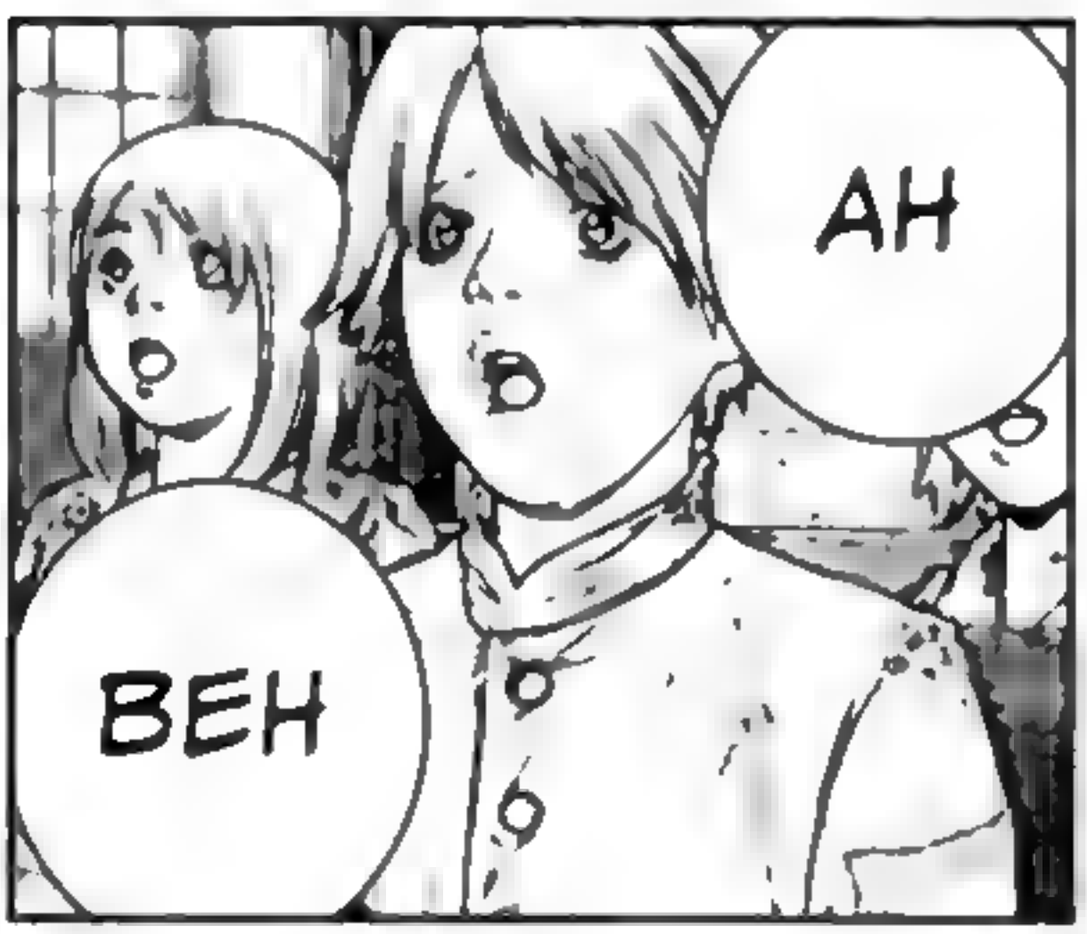
WITH ALL THE PEOPLE AROUND MARIE CHANGING,

YOU HAVE NOT CHANGED AT ALL IN 13 YEARS, HAVE YOU?


A few days later
LOOK. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THAT BUILDING.
THAT "CAFÈ AU LAIT" IS GATHERING GRUB WORM CHILDREN THERE.
WHAT NERVE... A RESIDENCE WHERE HE INTENDS TO GIVE THEM THE SAME TEACHINGS AS US...
THIS IS SO THAT WE ARISTOCRATS... SO THAT ALL OF FRANCE MAY PROSPER—...!!!
SUCH EVIL THOUGHTS SHOULD BE TURNED TO ASH POSTHASTE.


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.....MARIE, I WAS BORN OF A FATHER WHO WORKED ON A PLANTATION FOR A FRENCH MASTER IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA

AND A BLACK SLAVE MOTHER. I GREW UP BEING JEERED AT AND CALLED A "CAFÈ AU LAIT"...

HMPH. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE YOU WOULD INVEST YOUR OWN MONEY INTO ALL OF THIS.

YOU'RE TRYING TO ACTUALLY CARRY OUT ROUSSEAU'S 'EMILE' WHERE HE RAISES PURE CHILDREN INTO 'IDEAL' HUMAN BEINGS..?

13 YEARS AGO I DECIDED TO BOARD A SHIP TO TOUR AROUND THE WORLD.

AFTER I FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THE NORTH AMERICAN *INDIANS AS A SOLDIER OF THE ALLIED FORCES,

I SOUGHT A SYSTEM OF VALUES OUTSIDE OF FRENCH SUPREMACY.

※ The correct term would be Native Americans, but the name they were called at the time is being used.

YES, MARIE! THE WORLD IS HUGE!!!

THAT'S WHY YOU WERE CALLED AT THE RECENT WELCOME CEREMONY FOR THE ADMIRAL IN VERSAILLES, RIGHT?

...AND FINALLY, YOU WERE HIRED FOR A SHIP THAT SUBJUGATES PIRATES IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA, AND WENT ABOARD AS CAPTAIN.

ENGLAND WHERE THEY DECIDE LAWS BY PARLIAMENT,

QING WHERE, THEY DECIDE STATUS NOT BY BIRTH, BUT BY 'IMPERIAL EXAMINATION',

AND THE NEW WORLD, AMERICA, WHERE THERE ARE NO PRIVILEGED CLASSES OR ARISTOCRATS. EVERYONE IS A COMMONER AND AS LONG AS YOU HAVE ABILITY, YOU CAN BECOME ANYTHING.

AND THERE MAY BE EVEN MORE COUNTRIES OUT THERE THAT NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN BEFORE THAT WILL SOON GIVE THEIR FIRST CRY!

WORKING FOR THE KING IS NOT ALL THERE IS!!!

THERE IS MORE TO THE WORLD THAN FRANCE!!!

SOON THERE WILL COME A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE ARE NOT CATEGORIZED BY THEIR BIRTH, GENDER, OCCUPATION, OR COLOR OF THEIR SKIN.

AND IN ORDER TO TEACH CHILDREN OF THAT NEW WORLD...

I NEED YOUR HELP, MARIE!!!

THERE ARE SURE TO BE CHILDREN THAT WISH TO BECOME DOCTORS.

MARIE, DUE TO THE NATURE OF YOUR WORK, YOU HAVE GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF MEDICINE.

WHEN THAT TIME COMES, I WANT YOU TO TAKE THE PODIUM FOR ME!!!

HUH...?!!

THERE AIN'T ANY KIDS THAT WOULD ASK FOR LESSONS FROM A SANSON.

SORRY.

I'VE RECEIVED UNWARRANTED DISCRIMINATION DUE TO THE COLOR OF MY SKIN,

BUT I POLISHED MY ABILITIES AND REACHED WHERE I AM NOW.

I'M LIVING PROOF THAT THIS WORLD WILL CHANGE!!!

TRUST ME, MARIE.

OKAY THEN, LET'S ALL WRITE OUR OWN NAMES.

MARIE...

THE WORLD WILL CHANGE,

WHAT'S WRONG, CÉCILE?

YOU CAME ALL THE WAY FROM VERSAILLES, DIDN'T YOU? IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, PLEASE ASK.

.....

BUT ALL I EVER DO IS CLEAN STOVES.

I'VE NEVER WRITTEN ANYTHING BEFORE...

I SEE. THEN LET ME TEACH YOU HOW!

WAAH!

Cécile

THIS IS HOW CÉCILE IS WRITTEN.

COME ANY TIME ON SUNDAYS WHEN YOU HAVE NO WORK.

IF YOU LIKE, I'LL SEND A HORSE TO PICK YOU UP.

THIS IS MY NAME...?

I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE!!

HUH?!!

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, MARIE!!

HMPH!

AH WELL...

THANK YOU, LORD MARIE!

I'M GONNA STUDY A WHOLE LOT! I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO WRITE MY NAME FOR SURE!

WELL THEN, EVERYONE,

I'M GOING TO PICK UP CLOTHING AND SHEETS THAT WERE DONATED TO US BY A CHURCH.

KEEP YOUR STUDYING UP UNTIL I GET BACK, ALL RIGHT?!!!







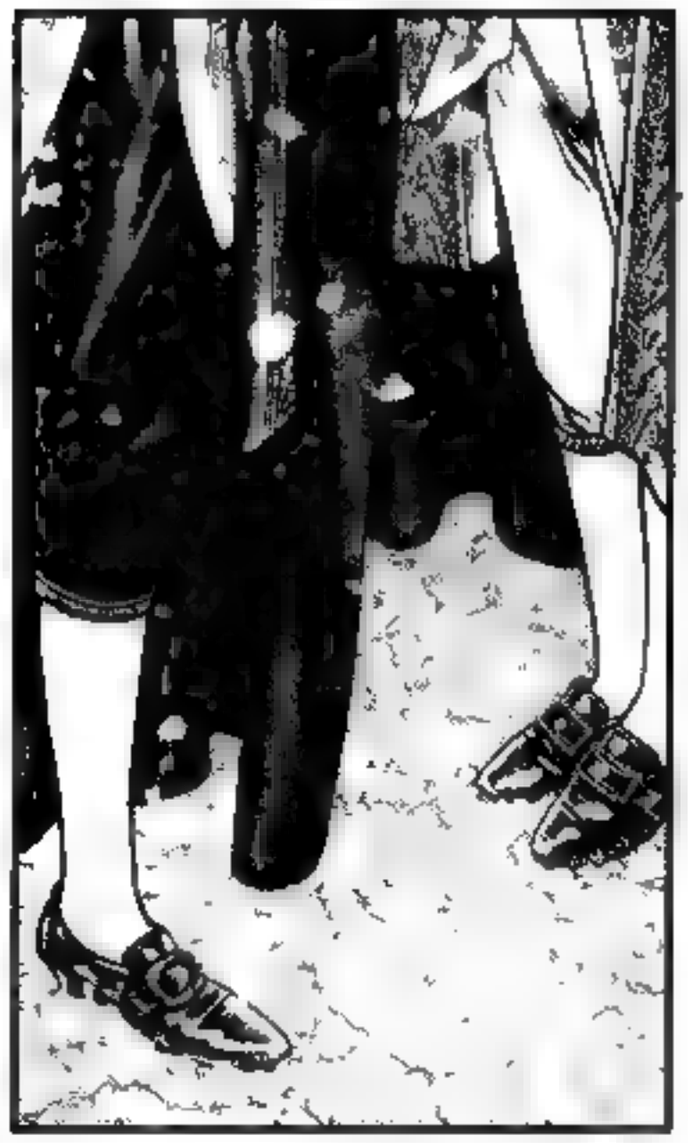
MARIE, THE NEW ERA BELONGS TO US.

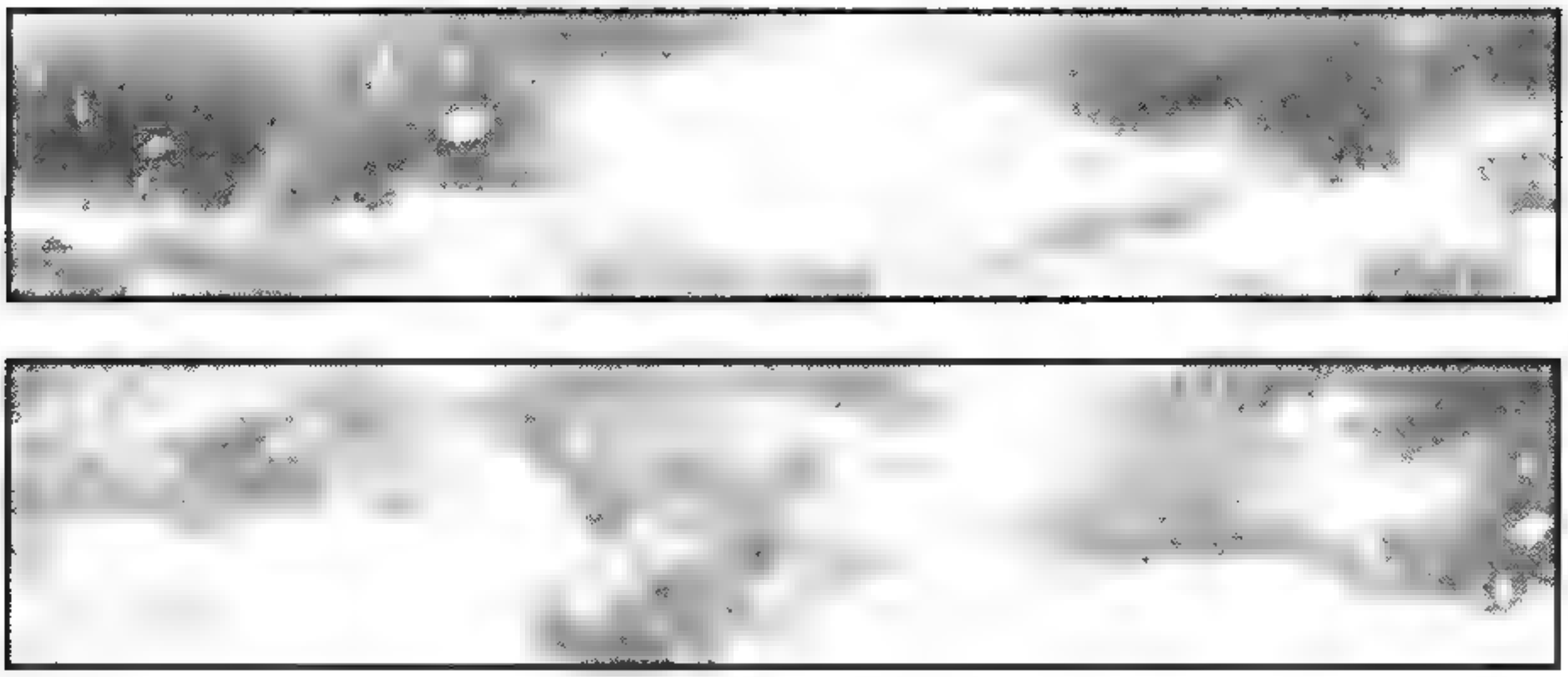
LET'S COMBINE OUR POWER TO CHANGE THE FUTURE!

I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU AT LEAST DO NOT.

ALAIN, ARE YOU GOING TO CHANGE TO BE LIKE BIG BROTHER SOMEDAY?


IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GONE.
SHALL WE GET THIS UNDERWAY?







A FIRE!!!

THE MANSION IS ON FIRRRRRE !!!!

OUT OF THE WAY!!!

WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN ?!!

STAND ASIDE !!!!

!!!!

LOOK, THAT ARM IS CARRYING SOMETHING!!

!!

HOW GRUESOME

FROM HOW IT LOOKS, ALL OF THE CHILDREN INSIDE WERE...

Cécile

CÉCILE... YOU WROTE IT SO WELL...

YES. THIS IS YOUR NAME...

C... CÉCILE...

THEY MAY HAVE BEEN THE BRATS OF A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING DIRTY MAGGOT,

BUT THEY AT LEAST HAVE DONE A COMMENDABLE JOB OF WARMING US IN THIS COLD WEATHER.

!!!!

YOU...!!!

IT... IT COULDN'T BE...

UN... UNFOR-GIVABLE ...!!!

DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

I TOLD YOU NOT TO BELITTLE OUR POWER, DIDN'T I?

THESE CHILDREN ARE NOT MAGGOTS!

EVERY ONE OF THEM IS A HUMAN BEING WITH A RESPECT-ABLE NAME!

THERE ARE NO HUMANS WHOSE DEATHS DO NOT MATTER!!!

LET'S RETURN TO VERSAILLES !!!

IT IS INCOMPARABLE TO THIS FOUL-SMELLING TOWN!!!

W--- WAIT!!!

NONSENSE!!



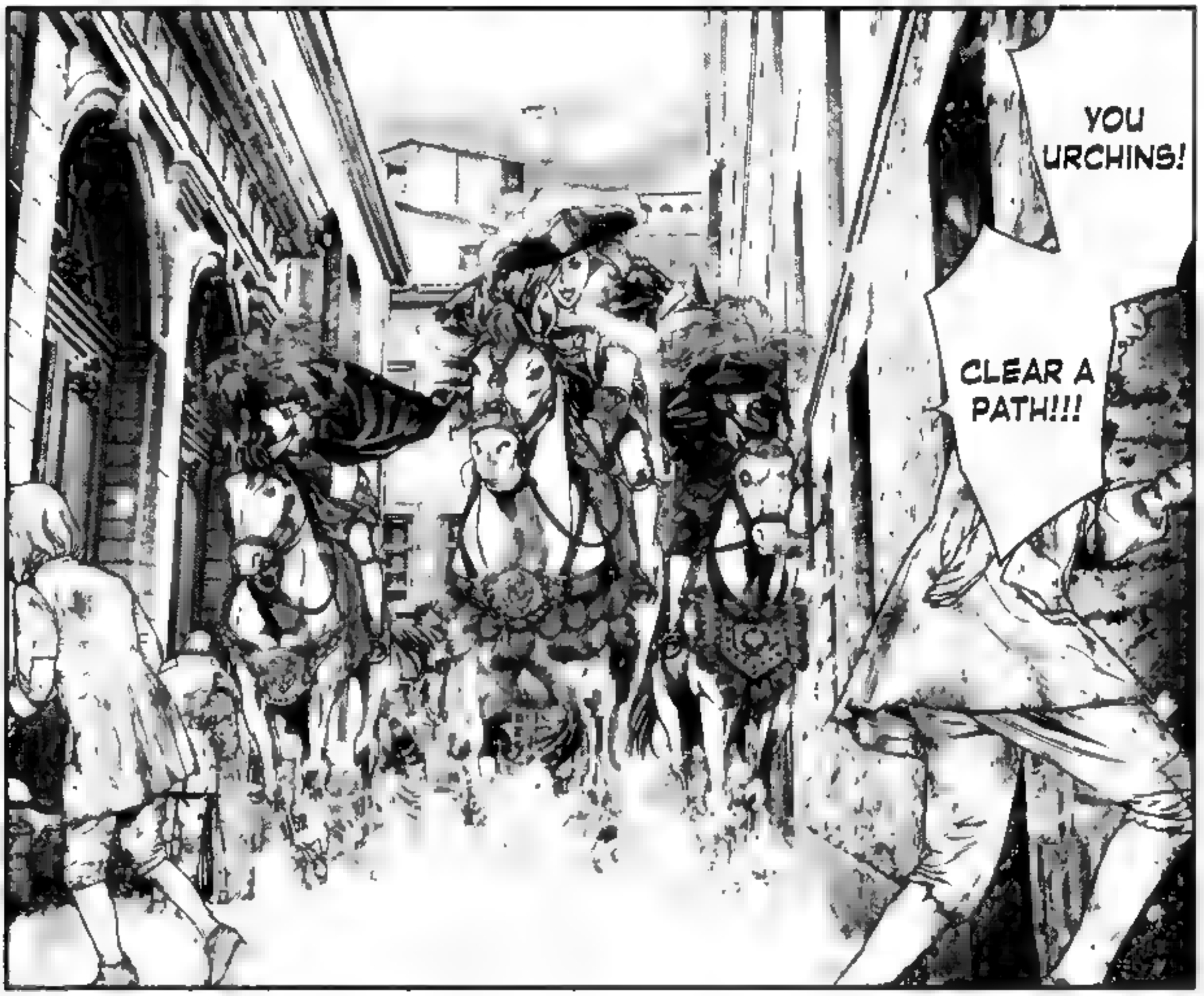
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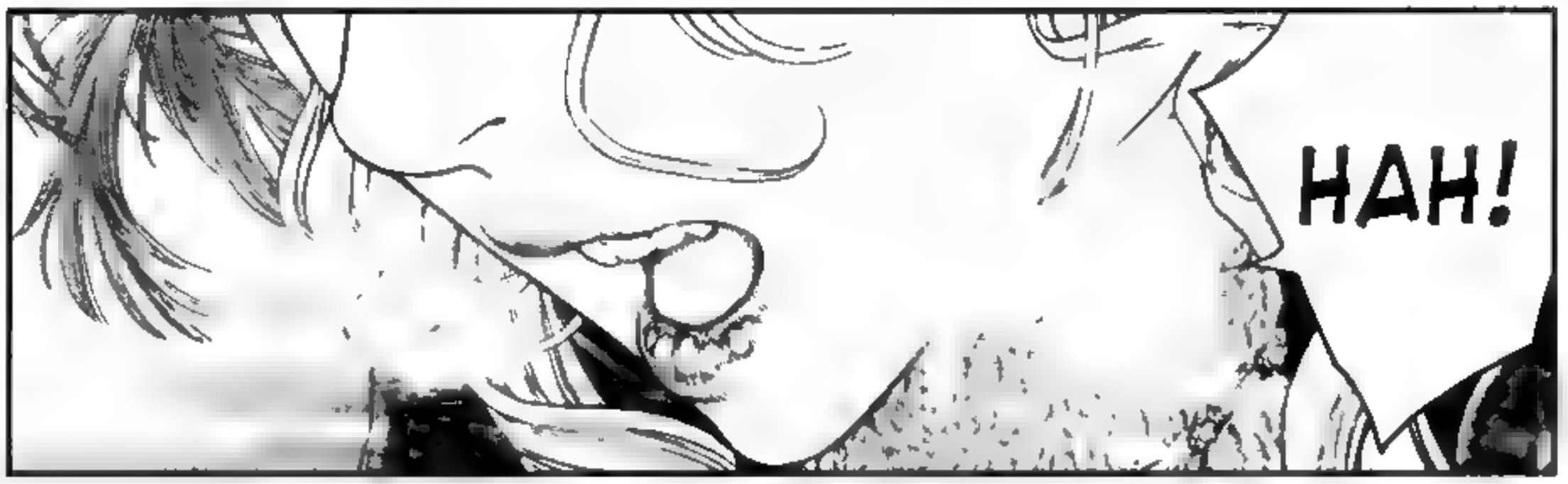
M... MARIE ——!!!

HAI- YAAAA!!!

KIKIH!


NOW, TO
VERSAILLES!
GO
TO
AVENGE
THE
CHILDREN
!!!!


YOU URCHINS!
CLEAR A PATH!!!


HAH!

LET'S SLAUGHTER THEEEEEEM !!!!

ALAIN,

n°99 Rouge Vow

ONCE WE ENTER VERSAILLES, THOSE COMMONERS WON'T BE ABLE TO LAY A FINGER ON US.

YEAH!!!

LET'S HURRY!!!

LOOKS LIKE WE REALLY LOST THEM....

THEY'RE NOWHERE IN SIGHT!!!

...WHAH ?!!!

SORRY, BUT WE TOOK A SHORTCUT AND CAUGHT ALL THE WAY UP TO YOU GUYS.

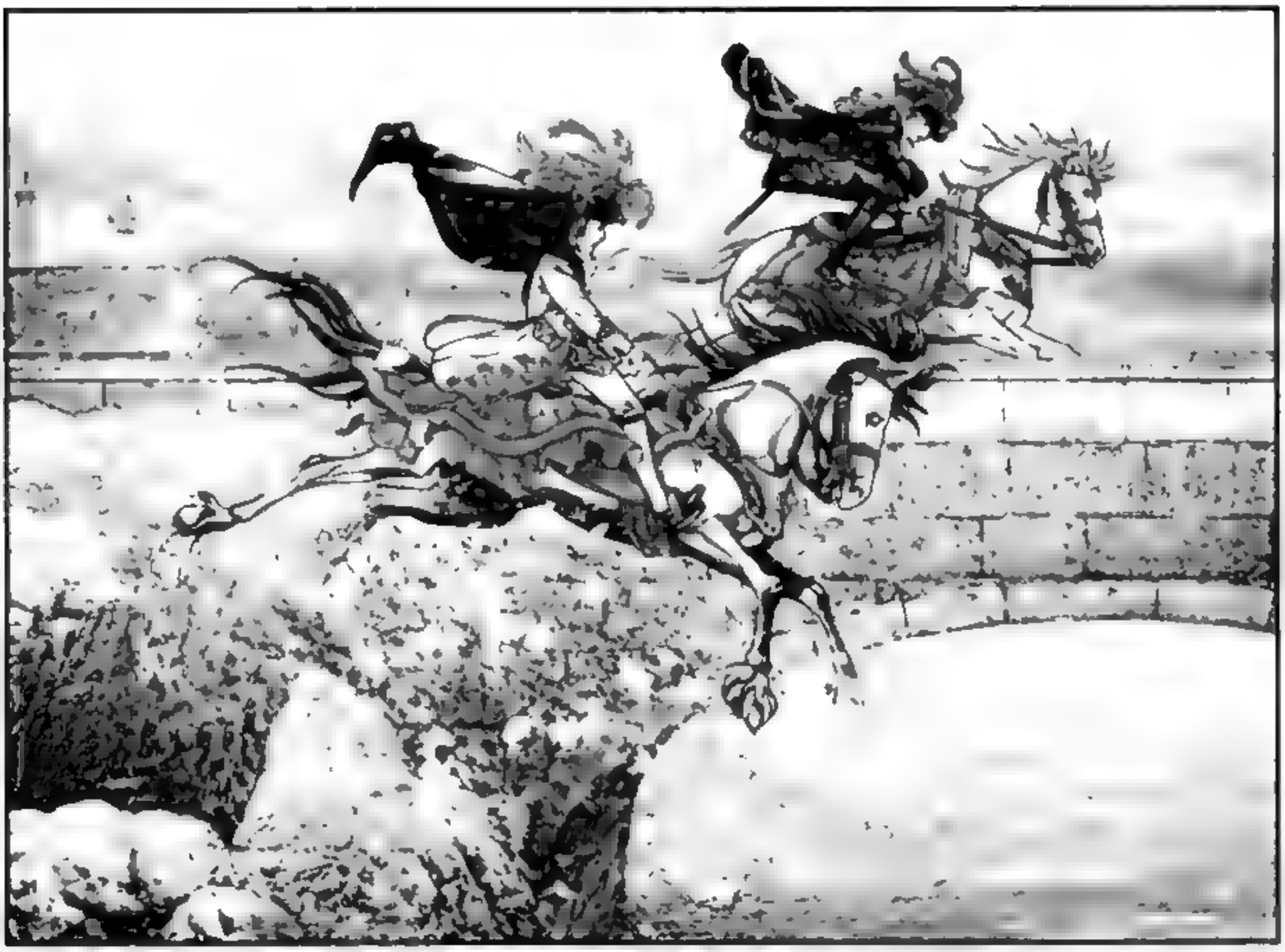
YOU SHOULDN'T UNDERESTIMATE PARISIANS!!!

HIIIIIN!

WA WA WA WA WA---

S-STAY AWAY FROM MEEEE!!!

!!?




ALAIN!
LET'S MAKE ONE PUSH TO CRUSH THOSE GUYS IN FRONT!!!


MARIE !!!


LUXE AND GUYON FELL INTO THE RIVER!!!
LEAVE THEM! THEY JUST SLOW US DOWN!!!

VERY WELL, I'LL KILL HER FIRST!!!

HOW DARE SHE LOOK DOWN ON ME! IS SHE ACTUALLY TRYING TO KILL ME?!!!

!!!

WHAT...?!!

HAH!

NOW GO TO HELL!!!

IF I'M ON THE LEFT, YOUR SWORD WON'T REACH ME.

YOU MUST NOT KILL THEM, MARIIIIIE !!!

!!!?

HIHIIIN!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH CHOPPING THEM TO PIECES RIGHT NOW?!!

THESE WRETCHES LIT THAT MANSION ON FIRE KNOWING THERE WERE CHILDREN INSIDE!!!

WHY DID YOU STOP MARIE, ALAIN ?!!

FIGHTING WITH WORDS IN THE COURT OF LAW IS THE WAY OF THE NEW WORLD!!!

NO MATTER HOW EVIL THEY MAY BE, KILLING THEM WILL NOT CLEAR AWAY YOUR MALICE!!!

COOL YOUR HEAD, MARIE!

A PERSON KILLING ANOTHER PERSON IS A SAVAGE ACT...

THAT IS NOT NEEDED IN THE WORLD I SEEK!!!

MARIE, I WILL RESTRAIN HIM!

I SWEAR I'LL DRAG HIM TO A COURT-ROOM!!!

LEAVE THE REST TO ME!!!

WHA...?

W... WAIT, ALAIN!!!

!!!

WOAAAAH
WOAAAH!

ORDERING AROUND ARISTOCRATS, THAT'S MIGHTY BIG TALK FROM A CAFÈ AU LAIT...!!!

NOW YOU WILL BE COMING WITH ME TO BE TURNED IN TO THE CONCIERGERIE!

I WILL NOT KILL YOU.

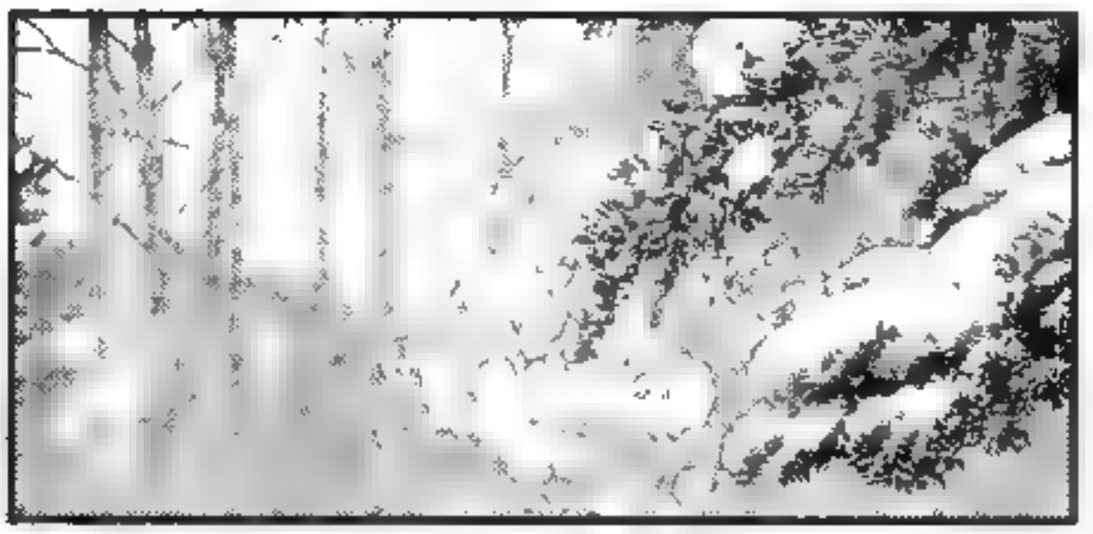
I AM GOING TO FIND WITNESSES, MAKE THE TRUTH APPARENT, AND SEE THAT YOU UNDERGO A TRIAL BEFORE ALL OF PARIS.


NOBLE "BLUE BLOOD" RUNS THROUGH OUR VEINS.
DO NOT TRY TO GROUP US IN WITH YOU COMMONERS WITH YOUR DIRTY RED BLOOD.
WE ARISTOCRATS RULE THIS WORLD!!!







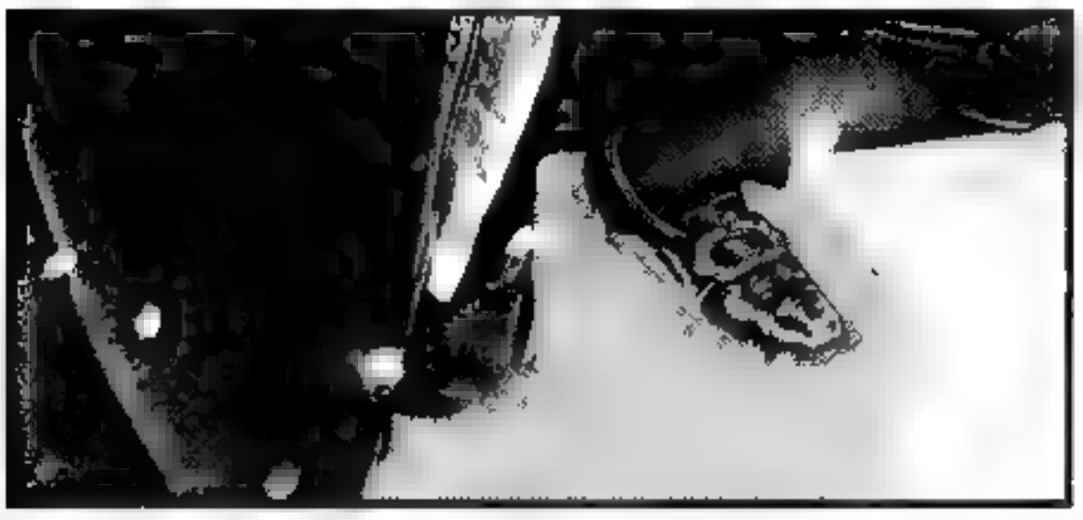













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LORD FERSEN, WHICH COUNTRY SHALL WE EXTEND OUR OBSERVING TO NEXT?

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GO TO FRANCE.

I'VE HEARD THEY HAVE A MOST BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS.

I WOULD LIKE THE CHANCE TO MEET HER...

IS THERE NO DARING MONSIEUR

THAT WILL TAKE ME TO SOME NEW WORLD...?

I'M SO VERY BORED OF SWEETS AND DANCING.

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WITH THIS, ONE PERSON COULD PERFORM EXECUTIONS ON DOZENS OF PEOPLE ——...

IF I COMPLETE THE PLANS FOR THIS EXECUTION DEVICE, A NEW AGE WILL COME...

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IF "JUSTICE" IS EQUIPPED WITH LIMITLESS POWER...

THEN THE WORLD WILL CHANGE —— ...!!!

THOSE BASTARDS... THEY WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO STICK A SWORD WITH THIS EMBLEM IN HIM...

ARE THEY TRYING TO SAY THAT THEY'LL ALWAYS BE PROTECTED NO MATTER WHAT WE DO...?

MARIE MAY NOT HAVE THE SAME VISION OF THE FUTURE YOU IMAGINED...

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THAT MAKES THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE!
MARIE IS A WOMAN


THAT MAKES THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE!
MARIE IS A WOMAN

And begins the innocent revolution—.

Et commence la révolution innocente.





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